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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday evening, the announcement was made that schools will begin reopening from the 1st June. In order to meet the requirements for the reopening of schools, kindly read through this important newsletter and follow any links contained within the letter to complete the surveys that are required.

COMORBIDITIES

COVID-19 affects people in different ways. Certain illnesses may mean that a person is more likely to end up having a serious case of COVID-19 which may even lead to death. Some of these diseases have been identified as asthma, weakened immune system responses due to other illnesses or diabetes, both type 1 and type 2. If a person has one of these illnesses, they are more at risk of ending up in hospital if they are affected by COVID 19.

Our school must meet a number of rigorous requirements before we may reopen. One of these requirements is that the school draws up a risk register containing a list of pupils with comorbidities. Please read through this list carefully:

- Heart conditions such as coronary heart disease, heart failure and hypertension.
- Lung diseases: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, lung fibrosis, and cystic fibrosis.
- Diabetes: people with diabetes mellitus have an increased risk of infection.
- Immune compromised or immune suppressed individuals
 - People receiving chemotherapy and other cancer treatments.
 - Autoimmune disease therapies (ie rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, multiple sclerosis and inflammatory bowel disease)
 - Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
 - Organ or bone-marrow transplant patients.

I would like to stress that the school management team has adopted a cautious approach to the reopening of schools. At the end of last month, we issued our protocols to be followed for the reopening of schools. These have been worked out from best practices around the world and we are committed to continually evolving these to prevent the risk of infection to any individual at our school.

INDICATION OF INTENTION TO REOPEN SCHOOLS

In line with the Minister of Basic Education's announcement last night, Rand Preparatory and College intends to open schooling for **Grade 12 and Grade 7 learners from 1 June 2020.**

Children will be required to attend school from 07:50 until 14:30 as the normal school day is usually scheduled. All Grade 7 and 12 learners will be required to attend school each day until we advise differently. The Grade 12 learners will be divided into two classes or into subject classes where no more than 12 learners will be present at any one time.

Rand Preparatory and College has applied for permission to open other grades. If permission is granted, we will advise our parents which grades may return and when they may return.


In order to fully understand the situation for each of our children and staff members, we would like our parents and/or guardians to complete a survey.

Please click on this link to complete the survey. You will need internet access in order to complete and submit the survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd2LMTZGRuY_msoQ5dX4eTZRX4ZEH_80pL2dxrR8PhFHmw3g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank-you for your co-operation and assistance with this process.

Yours sincerely



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