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Dear Parents,

The Grade 7 and 12's have now returned to school and I must say that we are pleased with the manner in which the children have accepted the "new normal" at our school. We also had a surprise visit from a representative of the Human Rights Commission who checked up on our protocols and he reported to us that he was impressed with the measures we had put in place to ensure that the risk of transmission is indeed minimized. He also confirmed that we conform to all the protocols that are expected of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all staff members who have worked diligently and steadfastly to ensure that our campus remains "safe". I must make a special mention of the cleaning staff who are on hand every hour to sanitise the classrooms as learners finish lessons in one venue and need to move to the next. They are indeed the stars of the show making sure that we all remain COVID free.

PHASED RETURN OF OTHER LEARNERS

The school management teams have met and looked at the next step in our phased return of learners. We have made application to the Gauteng Department of Education to deviate from the dates that the MEC of Education has published. Events in this sector changes quite rapidly. Although we have made previous applications to bring grades back soon, new gazettes were published on Friday and again on Monday, each of these giving new directives on how to apply for permission to bring back the learners earlier. Again, this morning, a new circular arrived with different information, resulting in us having to make a new submission to the GDE. At this stage, we can provide the order in which we plan to bring the grades back to school:

Order in which Grades will return:	Grade:
1	Grade R, 1 & 6
2	Grades 2 and 5
3	Grade 11
4	Grade 3, 4 & 10
5	Grades 8 & 9

We are confident that we are more than capable of accommodating these learners within our existing protocols. As soon as we have approval to bring these children back, we will announce the dates that go along with this plan. In the interim, these learners must remain at home and continue with online learning.

THE SCHOOL YEAR

With regards to the flow of the academic year, the school management teams have agreed that the broad programme for the remainder of 2020 will be as follows:

1. Most grades, and in particular, the Grade 12 teachers, report that they are mostly on track with the delivery of our curriculum to the learners.
2. The Grade 12 teachers report that they will complete the Grade 12 syllabus by the end of July, which is very important for the Grade 12 learners.
3. The mid-term break that was scheduled for 29 June to 3 July will be cancelled and that time used to make up a week of teaching time.
4. The start of the August holidays is also delayed to start on 14 August instead of the 5th August as originally scheduled. This will make up roughly a further 2 weeks of teaching time.
5. Grade 12 Prelim Exams as well as Grade 11 Exams will commence from 3 August up to the 14th August and thereafter, from 2 September until 11 September.
6. Mid-year exams for Grades 8 to 10 have been cancelled with this work assessed in the third term end of year exams.
7. The third term will proceed as originally planned.

The school calendar will be updated to reflect these changes, and this published in due course.

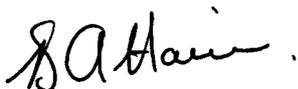
SCHOOL FEES

While we are cognisant of the situation that most of our parents find themselves in, we need to appeal to all our parents to please work at bringing their accounts up to date. We have not been able to pay many of the service providers that provide services to the school due to shortfalls in the payments from our parents. We respectfully ask parents who are in arrears to please pay whatever they can pay at this time as every little bit helps the school to meet its obligations. We still have a number of staff members who have not been paid their salaries and this has a knock on effect on everyone involved. Please can I ask all who have outstanding fees to assist with this situation.

ONLINE TEACHING

All teachers will continue with online teaching, for grades that are still under lockdown as well as for grades where classes have returned to school. Teachers have been asked to video lessons that they are presenting to classes for grades that have returned. These lessons will be placed on Google classroom so learners can view these at a later stage. Parents who wish to keep their child at home are reminded that you need to inform me, in writing, of this so that we can make the appropriate arrangements for your child and that way, your child can be registered as an online learner and still be assessed within the current legal framework.

Yours sincerely



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