

1 July 2020

Dear Parents

RE: Learners not returning to school

If you are planning to not send your child back to school next week, please indicate the following:

I am not returning my child to school, due to the following (please indicate):

- ☐ He / she have existing medical conditions (co-morbidities) which puts them at risk to get COVID-19 (please provide a recent medical letter)
- ☐ We have a close family member who has existing medical conditions (co-morbidities) which puts them at risk to get COVID-19. (please provide a recent medical letter)
- ☐ My child has severe anxiety /phobias related to returning to school due to the corona-virus.
- ☐ We are in self-isolation due to contact with someone with confirmed / suspected Covid-19.
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Management decided that we will give parents the option to choose to continue with home-based remote schooling, **under very strict conditions.**

Learners will be treated the same way as a child who stays at home when he/she is ill, namely that:

- Work will be kept together in class and may be picked up on Fridays between 9h00 and 13h00. This will be the work that was done in class that week.
- Completed work has to be handed in on the next Friday or on due dates as indicated by individual educators.
- Homework will be written on a page, which will also be in the Friday boxes.
- Learners will have to attend tests at school.
- No explanations or lectures will be given in/outside of school hours, as work is discussed in class as always.

The responsibility for schoolwork is now being transferred from the teacher to the parent and we simply provide the content that can be printed and kept for Fridays' pick-up. Although we will attempt to inform parents of test dates for the following week, we reserve the right to do unprepared tests or tests on shorter notice.

As a parent, you hereby agree to:

- Ensure that you receive work packs on Fridays (no work will be emailed unless the family is in another town)
- Ensure that completed work is handed in on **due dates**, otherwise the learner will not receive marks for it.
- Continue paying school fees.
- Bring your child to school for tests.

If a child is not “present” for one month (in other words, no work has been handed in and no work fetched from school), the child will be deregistered. If your child is not registered at a registered school, you have to register them for home-schooling at the Department of Education.

The above measures are our way of accommodating parents and we expect our parents to respect that this is the best we can do under circumstances. No exceptions will be made.

I realise that this may seem harsh, but please consider the teaching staff’s workload and family responsibilities once we are all back at school fulltime. As staff, we also risk our own health and that of our families, to be at school. The directors also need to make important decision about the school, based on our learner numbers.

Please sign:

I _____ parent/guardian of _____ hereby acknowledges receipt of this letter, as well as of the content of this letter. By signing, I agree to the above conditions, under which I may keep my child at home whilst still remaining an enrolled learner of the school.

Signature of parent / guardian

Signature of second parent /witness

Kind regards

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