

18 August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we are now preparing to welcome our Grade 9, 10 and 11 learners back on 24 August, we need to remind you about a few protocols. We have placed COVID 19 Posters from the Department of Education on our website. Firstly, it is important that you take note of the Golden Rules at home, such as, regular washing of hands; avoiding contact with people that are sick; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; keeping a distance of 1,5 meters; cover your cough or sneeze with a flexed elbow; and wearing of cloth masks.

Secondly, parents, what we have noticed with learners that are using public transport is that some of these taxi operators do not adhere to the Covid 19 protocols. Ensure that your child gets into a vehicle where every occupant is wearing a mask. If they are within walking distance of the school, remind them to practice social distancing.

All other protocols for the prevention, containment and management of the Covid 19 virus, as prescribed by DBE, are in place at school. We will, therefore, return your child in the same health state as you send them to school if they comply with social distancing protocols. With more grades returning, adherence to the protocols become more important. Our school remains open, we feel, because of these protocols being in place.

Parents, a few non-negotiables we need you to discuss with your children:

- Everyone who comes to school is expected to wear a mask. “NO MASK, NO ENTRY”
- Entrance to school will be at Illingworth Street(Main gate) and Exit at Top gate.
- If your child has flu-like symptoms, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME.
- Visiting friends, neighbours and family, we suggest, should be avoided in the next month in the interest of the safety of all of us, i.e. families as well as the school community.
- Learners are expected to wash their hands with clean water and soap as frequently as possible.
- Sanitize hands. It is advisable for them to carry a mini-sanitize bottle in their bags for this purpose.
- AVOID touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Regularly clean all surfaces in your house - this will get them into the habit of cleaning at school as well.
- Maintain the required 1,5m social distance - again, a habit to adhere to in all public places.
- The Tuck shop will be closed, learners must bring their own lunch.

Orientation for the Grade 10 and 9 learners will be as follows:

Grade 10	Thursday, 20 August 17, 2020
Grade 9	Friday, 21 August 17, 2020

- Screening 08:30 to 09:00 Main gate, Illingworth street.
- Orientation 09:00 to 09:45 in the Volley ball quad
- Release 10:00 Top gate, Illingworth street

We have the following form for learners to complete on a daily basis. They need to be truthful in their submission as this will keep ALL OF US, at school as well as you, at home, safe. If a learner ticks YES to any of the questions he/she will be sent to the Isolation room and you will be required to fetch him/her.

	Yes	No
Have you had any flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days?		
Do you have a dry cough?		
Do you have a sore throat?		
Do you have difficulty breathing?		
Do you feel weak and tired?		
Do you struggle to smell and taste normally?		
Have you been in contact with or cared for anyone who has Covid-19 recently?		
Have you experienced any vomiting or diarrhea recently?		

Parents, let us heed the call from our President not to let up now. Let's continue to bring the infection rate down. The recovery rate is over 80% because of our adherence to the isolation protocols. The President reminded us that we need now to start opening the economy to save jobs. We need to be responsible citizens even under Alert Level 2. God bless.

Kind regards

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PRINCIPAL