

27 August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we are now preparing to welcome our last group, the Grade 8 learners, back on 1 September, 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, we have noticed that some learners using public transport travel in vehicles of taxi operators who do not adhere to the Covid 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 your child to practice social distancing.

Thirdly, we have noticed with the previously returned grades that learners stay absent without informing the school. Parents, our procedure regarding absenteeism remains in place. The school needs to be informed and a sick note should follow as soon as the child returns to school. The Department of Education requires that the school completes a daily survey on attendance and the return of absent learners. The above measures, therefore, have to be adhered to.

All other protocols for the prevention, containment and management of the Covid 19 virus, as prescribed by DBE, are in place at school. Your child should therefore return home in the same health condition as the one in which you send him/her to school. With more grades returning, adherence to the protocols become more important. Our school remains open, we feel, because of these protocols 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, attending of parties, we suggest, should be avoided 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 your 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 8 learners will be as follows:

Grade 8 Friday, 28 August 2020

- Screening 08:30 to 09:00 Main gate, Illingworth street.
- Orientation 09:00 to 09:45 in the Volleyball 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 the economy needs to start reopening to save jobs. We need to be responsible citizens even under Alert Level 2. God bless.

Kind regards

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PRINCIPAL