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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing this letter to you as we are preparing for the final Controlled test series for Grades 8 to 11. I have a few concerns regarding the pandemic in which I need your support. We requested that you should keep your children at home if they are having flu - like symptoms. We had to call a number of parents to fetch their children who were in the isolation room. We have had situations where we found that some of our learners are not truthful in their responses on the screening sheets. This practice put us ALL at risk at school.

Parents, we are still serious about the Covid Protocols of wearing a mask, sanitizing hands and social distancing. We would like to encourage you to speak to your children about adhering to these.. We have received many phone calls from our neighbours informing us that our learners are not following these protocols when they leave the school premises. We need your help with this. Your children might be infected on their way home or to school. This might put their participation in the Controlled test series at risk.

Learners were issued with their November Controlled test time table. Parents, please check with your child to ensure that he/she will not miss any paper. We will be writing in 2 sessions. The **Grade 8 and 9** learners will be writing in the **FIRST SESSION**. **Grade 10 and 11** learners will be writing in the **SECOND SESSION**. Too many learners are late for school. This impacts the start of the test and creates unnecessary stress. Please make sure that your child is on time for every test.

Parents, the Covid virus is still with us. We have seen a rise in the infection rate in Nelson Mandela Bay Metro as reported in the media. We cannot become "Covid complacent" or "Covid lazy". The President, in his speech on Wednesday 11 November, again emphasized the importance of sticking to the Protocols. We don't want to go to a higher lockdown level. We depend on your support to be able to complete this year's assessment. God bless.

Kind regards

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