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Dear Parents / Guardians

In my previous letter I addressed some concerns about the Controlled test Series for Grades 8 to 11 learners as well as the Final Exams for the Grade 12 Learners. Our arrangement for learners who, for valid reasons, are unable to write the Controlled Test Series is that a mark, based on the individual learner's marks in the September and March controlled test, will be calculated. The following qualifies as a VALID reason:

- ◆ Death in the family; (a death certificate needs to be sent to school).
- ◆ Normal sickness; (a sick certificate from a medical practitioner to be sent to school).
- ◆ Positive Covid infection; (the test results to be sent to the school).
- ◆ Learners in isolation; (the test results of the parent /guardian who tested positive to be sent to school).

The Department of Education (DBE), insists that Grade 12 learners who test positive for Covid 19 and whose symptoms are not severe, may write in isolation. The school needs to be informed about their status as well as having the test results forwarded.

To date, we have nine (9) learners who tested positive for the Covid virus and one (1) Educator. We have also received numerous phone calls of learners isolating because of being in contact with people who are positive. Parents, it is in the best interest of us all that your child remains at home as soon as your child has finished with the controlled test series. The school will send a message regarding the collection of reports in December in due course.

We are experiencing a rise in the infection rate in the Nelson Mandela Metro. We appeal to you to adhere to the Covid Protocols of wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands and to keep social distance at all times. As we are nearing the end of the Academic year and entering the Festive season, let's please be safe and stay away from unnecessary gatherings. God bless.

Kind regards

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