

CIRCULAR TO PARENTS /GUARDIANS REGARDING COVID -19

Dear parents / guardians

We trust that you are doing well during phase 4 of the lockdown. We are trying our level best to try and balance the lockdown regulations and a better outcome regarding the spread of the Covid -19 virus.

We think of homes where there is no income and where it is difficult to remain positive during this time. As always, such households should contact the school urgently to make arrangements regarding outstanding school fees and the payment thereof.

Again: A word of thanks to all parents and guardians who are still paying their school fees diligently. This enables us to pay our monthly commitments. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

1. OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR LEARNERS AND THEIR SAFETY

Everyone is now aware of the fact that grade 12-learners will provisionally return to school on 1 June to resume their academic year.

Unions have many conditions to which the Department of Education has to adhere to before learners can come back to school. All these conditions are there to ensure the safety of learners, educators and other school staff.

For the time being we are planning as if the school will start with teaching the grade 12-learners on the 1st of June.

Regardless of the Department's promise to supply schools with sanitation packages, even before the teachers are supposed to return to school the school's Covid -19 task team has already convened and made proactive decisions.

Our learners' and teachers' safety is our FIRST concern

We are planning to buy pressure cleaning apparatus to disinfect our classes every day. Before learners return, classes will be disinfected and sanitised. A daily cleaning and disinfecting protocol has already been finalised for when the school re-opens. Furthermore we are buying sanitizers in bulk to ensure that learners' hands can be sanitized before every class starts(before they may enter the classroom.)

Every class, per grade, will assemble on the tarmac in alphabetical order every morning. The acceptable social distance will be adhered to. Here, every learner's temperature will be measured and noted on their class list. If their temperature is more than 37,5 degrees Celsius, the learner will be kept in isolation until his/her parents can fetch him/her from the school.

We will then expect that every learner whose body temperature was too high be tested without delay and inform the school of his/her status regarding the Covid-19 infection. Only with a medical certificate, will the learner be admitted to the school again. We will publish more formal procedure and protocols nearer to the time of the schools re-opening. We want to wait for the Education Department's formal regulations so that we can meet their requirements fully.

Visitors will be limited to the minimum and only essential visitors will be allowed. All sanitation procedures will be followed strictly.

MASKS: We want to ask that, when the school re-opens every learner must have two material masks. Every mask must be washed and ironed every day after it has been worn. Ironing the mask is of utmost importance as it helps to kill the virus. The school will keep a few masks in stock for when someone urgently needs a mask. If something happens to a learner's mask, he/she can buy a mask from the school at cost price. The staff also have to have their own masks.

Masks **MUST** be worn inside the classrooms and outside by everyone on the school premises.

2. LEARNERS AND STAFF WITH UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It has been proven that people with underlying medical conditions like diabetes are more vulnerable and susceptible to the Covid-19 virus. Every case has its own risk and when the school starts for every respective grade, parents of children with underlying medical conditions must contact the school. Such learners can, for example, continue effectively through e-learning. Teachers in this category will be treated individually. Educators over 60 years of age will also be treated in a special way.

3. SCHOOL PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

- 3.1. **SPORT:** All sport, practice sessions, leagues and any meetings have been suspended till further notice. It is very sad that, especially for matric learners who would have had their last chance to represent their school in various sport codes.
- 3.2. All cultural activities have also been suspended. No practices or performances allowed.
- 3.3. No social activities at school.
- 3.4. No assemblies of any kind allowed at the school.
- 3.5. Learners **MUST** go home directly after school. No extra classes after school.
- 3.6. **SCHOOL TIMES:** The school will start as always at 07:55 and end at 13:55 after which buses will depart and all learners must return home.

3.7. **SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Learners must wear their normal school uniform as prescribed by the code of conduct when the school re-opens.

4. ACADEMICS:

A special timetable has been worked out for the grade 12-learners when they resume school on 1 June. There will be a new timetable for every grade where applicable. Parents and learners will receive these new timetables timeously.

Examination: The June examination has been cancelled for everyone. The grade 12-learners will write a record examination for the time being. Dates are not available yet. The rest of the school will also write examination in November for the time being. We will inform parents about how the examinations will be conducted in due time as soon as we have clarity on the procedure to be followed. Adjustments will be made according to the impact of the Covid -19 pandemic.

5. BUS TRANSPORT:

Bus transport at the school will continue as usual with sanitising protocols to be put in place to protect all our learners, conductors and bus drivers.

6. EMOTIONAL AND OTHER SUPPORT

As soon as the school starts again, the support services will be available again. The support services of the school is currently working on a plan of action for when the school starts again.

7. DONATIONS

There is a great need for donations of food, clothes and toiletries at the school to assist families in need. Please contact the school if you are able to make a contribution. Your support is highly appreciated.

8. MARKETING

The school's open day had to be cancelled due to the lockdown. There will also not be an opportunity for such an event in the foreseeable future. We therefore want to ask learners and parents to help us market our school when the opportunity arises. Application forms are available on the school's website, on D6 communicator and on the school's face book page at hsbfn.com. You are welcome to download forms from these platforms.

9. CONCLUSION:

Firstly a word of thanks: Our learners have reacted extremely positively to the work done on D6 and on the school's what's up groups. Our parents have assisted and supported us immensely. Our teachers have embraced the challenge and successfully overcome it. With everyone's support and assistance we as Bloemies have succeeded to continue with our task as educators and school. A sincere word of gratitude to everyone for their contribution, you are very dear and special to us.

We will do our best to act in the best interest of our learners in this uncertain time with so many confusing instructions and information. Their safety and that of our staff will always remain our first priority.

Finally we wish every family the best. We wish you to stay healthy and safe during this time. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

Greetings

Mr T F Connaway

Principal

OMSENBRIEF AAN OUERS RAKEND COVID 19

Geagte ouers/voogde

Ons vertrou dat dit met almal goed gaan tydens fase 4 van die grendeltydperk. Ons probeer hard om die inperking se reëls te balanseer in die lig van 'n beter uitkoms rakende die verspreiding van die Covid-19-virus.

Ons dink aan huise wat alle inkomste verloor het en waar dit swaar is om positief te bly in hierdie tye. Soos voorheen moet sulke huishoudings dringend met die skool in verbinding tree ten einde 'n reëling rondom die betaalbare skoolgeld te tref.

Weer: Baie dankie aan alle huise wat nog getrou skoolgeld betaal. Dit stel ons in staat om ons maandelikse verpligtinge volledig na te kom. U ondersteuning word opreg waardeer.

1. Begin van skole vir leerders en hul veiligheid

Almal het nou reeds kennis geneem dat graad 12-leerders voorlopig op 1 Junie by die skool moet aanmeld om die akademiese jaar te hervat. Vakbonde stel menigte voorwaardes, waaraan voldoen moet word deur die Departement van Onderwys, voordat die datum nagekom kan word. Alle vereistes het te make met die veiligheid van leerders en onderwysers en ander skoolpersoneel. Vir nou beplan ons asof ons die 1'ste Junie met onderrig vir graad 12-leerders gaan begin.

Ongeag die Departement se onderneming om skole voor daardie datum van sanitasiepakette te voorsien, trouens voordat die onderwysers moet aanmeld, het ons skool se Covid-19-span reeds vergader en proaktiewe besluite geneem.

Ons kinders en personeel se veiligheid is ons EERSTE oorweging.

Ons gaan nou reeds drukspuittoestelle aankoop om klasse elke dag te ontsmet. Voordat die leerders terugkom, sal elke klas ontsmet en skoongemaak wees. 'n Daaglikse skoonmaak- en ontsmettingsprotokol is reeds bepaal vir wanneer die skool weer begin. Verder koop ons saniteermiddels in redelike grootmaat aan om te verseker dat elke leerder se hande ontsmet word met die aanvang van elke les (voordat hulle die klas mag betree).

Elke oggend sal ons per graad, per voogklas, alfabeties in die vierkant (buite-lug) vergader met 'n afstand van 2m tussen alle leerders. Hier sal elke kind se temperatuur gemeet en op klaslyste aangeteken word. Indien die temperatuurlesing meer as 37,5°C is, sal die leerder in isolasie gehou word totdat sy/haar ouers hom/haar by die skool kan kom haal. Ons sal dan verwag dat elke leerder wie se liggaamstemperatuur te hoog was, onverwyld die teenwoordigheid

van die Coronavirus sal bevestig al dan nie. Slegs met 'n mediese uitslag sal die leerder weer toegang tot die skool verleen word. Nader aan die tyd sal ons meer formele prosedures publiseer. Ons wil graag wag om die Departement se formele regulasies te ontvang sodat ons ten volle daaraan kan voldoen.

Besoekers gaan tot absoluut noodsaaklik beperk word en elke besoeker se temperatuur sal gemeet word en ontsmettingsprosedures sal behoorlik toegepas word. Ouers word verseker om sover moontlik alle betaling elektronies te doen.

Maskers: Ons het dit goed gedink om te vra dat wanneer die skool begin, elke leerder ten minste twee materiaalmaskers sal hê. Elke masker moet daagliks gewas en gestryk word. Die stryk is baie belangrik aangesien dit alle virusse vernietig. Die skool sal 'n beperkte aantal maskers bestel en in voorraad hou vir wanneer daar iemand is wat dringend so 'n masker nodig het. Sou 'n leerder se masker breek, kan hy/sy dan een teen kosprys by die skool koop. Personeel voorsien ook hulle eie maskers. Maskers sal natuurlik binne én buite klasse deur almal op die skoolperseel gedra moet word. Maskers met die skool se wapen sal ook by Fantasea beskikbaar wees teen R25 elk.

2. Leerders en personeel met onderliggende mediese toestande

Dit is reeds bewys dat mense met onderliggende mediese toestande soos bv. diabetes meer vatbaar is vir die Covid-19-virus. Elke geval het sy eiesoortige risiko en wanneer skool weer vir die betrokke graad sou begin, moet sulke ouers dringend met die skool in verbinding tree. Sulke leerders kan bv. effektief met voortgaan. Ook onderwysers in hierdie kategorie sal individueel bestuur word. Personeel ouer as 60 moet ook spesiaal bestuur word.

3. Skoolprogram en -aktiwiteite

3.1 Sport: Alle sport, oefeninge, liga's en byeenkomste is tot verdere kennisgewing opgeskort. Dis baie hartseer vir veral matrieks wat vanjaar hulle skool vir die laaste keer in ons eerste spanne sou verteenwoordig het.

3.2 Alle kultuuraktiwiteite is ook opgeskort. Geen oefeninge of optredes mag plaasvind nie.

3.3 Geen sosiale aktiwiteite mag by die skool plaasvind nie.

3.4 Geen saalopeninge of byeenkomste van enige aard mag by die skool plaasvind nie.

3.5 Leerders word verplig om naskool direk huistoe te gaan. Geen ekstra klasse na skool.

3.6 Skooltye: Gewone skooltye sal geld. 07:55 – 13:55

3.7 Skooldrag: Leerders dra skooldrag soos bepaal deur die gedragskode

4. Akademie

Daar word reeds 'n spesiale rooster uitgewerk vir die graad 12-leerders se hervatting van skool op 1 Junie. Só sal daar vir elke graad 'n spesiale rooster uitgewerk word. Hierdie roosters sal 'n verlengde skooldag skeduleer, na gelang die

verwagte voorskrifte van die Departement van Onderwys. Ouers en leerders sal betyds van die gewysigde roosters voorsien word.

Eksamen: Die Junie-eksamen is vir almal gekanselleer. Graad 12's gaan vanjaar voorlopig 'n rekordeksamen en 'n eindeksamen skryf. Datums is nog nie beskikbaar nie. Die res van die skool sal dan ook voorlopig in November eksamen skryf. Die aard en omvang van die eksamen sal gekommunikeer word sodra ons self weet hoe dit gaan werk. Aanpassings sal gemaak word na gelang die impak van die Covid-19virus aan ons almal dikteer.

5. Busvervoer.

Busvervoer sal geskeid soos in die verlede. Reinigings protokol sal in plek wees.

6. Emosionele en ander ondersteuning

Sodra die skool weer begin, sal ondersteuning aan ons skoolgemeenskap beskikbaar wees. Mej Bester en Mnr Chaka sal hierdie dienste hanteer. Hulle formuleer tans 'n aksieplan wat beskikbaar sal wees wanneer ons weer begin.

7. Skenkings en donasies

Daar is 'n behoefte om skenkings en donasies. Die skool het 'n "Help-die-kind-fonds" van waaruit ons behoefte-gevalle bystaan. Skakel asb. Mev van Heerden indien u 'n bydrae wil lewer. U ondersteuning word waardeer.

8. Bemarking

Ons skool se Opedag is ongelukkig gekanselleer a.g.v. die staat van inperking. Daar gaan ook nie geleentheid wees om so 'n aksie in die afsienbare toekoms aan te bied nie. Ons neem die vrymoedigheid om ons ouers en leerders te vra om te help bemark waar die geleentheid hom voordoen. Aansoekvorms is beskikbaar op ons webwerf, D6 en facebook.

9. Samevatting

Ten eerste 'n woord van dank: Ons kinders het ongelooflik positief reageer op die onderrig op D6. Ons ouers het oorweldigend gedeel, gehelp en ondersteun. Ons onderwysers het die uitdaging aangegryp en suksesvol onderlê. Met julle almal het Bloemies 'n baie groot tree gegee in die ontwikkeling van sy formele produklewering - en dit alles in 'n baie kort tyd. Baie geluk en baie dankie. Julle is almal baie spesiaal.

Ons sal ons bes doen om in onseker tye, met verwarrende instruksies, in belang van ons kinders op te tree. Hulle veiligheid én die van ons personeel sal nou deurlopend die eerste prioriteit wees.

Laastens wens ons elke huishouding voorspoed en gesondheid toe. Mag ons Skepper Sy Hand oor almal hou.

Vriendelike groete,

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Skoolhoof.