

20 August 2021

**Dear Parents** 

## **URGENT NEWS**

With the consent of the Department of Health, our EDO and CMC Head at the Department of Education we have dealt with the current Covid-19 threat at school to the best of our ability.

In compliance with the POPI Act we stand responsible towards all and respect confidentiality. Only with the consent of the parent or staff member who tested positive can we reveal information. On the other hand, we also stand responsible towards others and apply all measures to protect and safeguard everyone within the ambit of our authority.

We informed the specific parents of learners in possible jeopardy appropriately. This is a precautionary measure and not a closure - we require all Grade 3, 6 and 7's to be served with distance learning and then return on Wednesday / Thursday next week as prescribed. This is also in support of the Grade bubbles being compromised and to allow a safe time frame for monitoring. We need to act responsibly towards everyone as we are working with children and also respect the different situations and circumstances at home.

Due to this we have decided **not** to start with our extra mural activities next week. We need to carefully look at the way forward as with 265 children absent today and a total of 7 learners and staff testing positive and 51 in isolation, we need to act responsibly.

I kindly ask that sick children and children with any symptoms be kept at home. We have had to deal with too many cases since last week - we apply the same rule to staff. This is to support safety and continuity of our service.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

Please stay safe.

Sunshine greetings M DE VRIES Principal





