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Return to school

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Dear Strubenvale Primary parents/guardians

It has been confirmed by the Gauteng Department of Education that the Grade 7 learners will be returning to school in the first week of June 2020. The exact day will depend on the delivery of essential PPE's by the Department. We will keep you posted.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who assisted and supported their children during the lockdown period. Covid -19 has resulted in much anxiety and stress amongst all of us. Our aim is to ensure that the return of our learners is well planned to avoid further stress for our *Strubies* families. The safety of our learners and staff is our main priority and we have put essential operating procedures in place for the safe return to school. We trust that these measures will allay any fears you have had to send your children to school.

The following procedures will be followed when learners return to school:

All learners must enter the school wearing a mask using only the entrance opposite to the big field. The gate will be opened daily at 7o'clock and all other gates will remain locked. The Admin block will also be out of bounds throughout the school day. More entrances will be opened as other grades return or as required. Hand sanitisation, thermal screening and register will take place at the entrance point every day. Staff will be on duty to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times. Markers will also be used to ensure that social distancing is effective. Any person, whose temperature is above 38 degrees will immediately be isolated in our demarcated area. The school will contact parents immediately and standard operating procedures set out by the Department will be followed. All information regarding possible cases of infections is to be treated with strict confidentiality.

We appeal to parents to keep sick learners at home especially if they have elevated temperatures or exhibit acute symptoms associated with Covid-19 eg. persistent cough or any other symptoms.

Learners must wear their winter uniforms and ensure that hygiene is a priority. No PT clothing must be worn.

Foot pedals, sanitizers, soaps have been purchased to be strategically placed in high traffic areas such as entrances and bathrooms.

We encourage all learners to bring containers with their own soap and a small hand towel. Cloth masks must be worn at all times inside and outside the classroom. Face shields may also be worn as extra protection.

Class sizes will be limited to maintain social distancing. Larger classrooms and the school hall will be used to accommodate our Grade 7 learners. Please ensure that learners have the required stationery as sharing of stationery will not be allowed. During breaks teachers will be on duty to ensure that learners keep a safe distance. The Tuckshop is still closed so please ensure that learners bring a healthy lunch to school.

The school has been sanitized and deep cleaned by a registered company and we believe we have strived to ensure a safe environment for all of us. School will start at 07:40 every day. Please ensure that learners do not arrive late to ensure that screening and all safety procedures mentioned above can be followed.

Learners must please bring to school all the work done during the lock-down period. As part of the “catch-up” plan we await instructions from the Department before we put our plans in action. We are also awaiting for the redrafted school calendar for the remainder of this year. There will be no extra mural activities at this stage.

We appeal to parents to ensure that learners are transported safely to and from school, keeping to the Covid-19 transport requirements. It is also of utmost importance that learners are picked up from school as soon as the school ends at 13:45. Should these times change, parents will be notified.

We thank all parents who have met all their financial obligations by paying school fees under difficult circumstances. Our school will not be able to function without this contribution from parents. We ask that no parents enter the school grounds at the moment. Please pay school fees via EFT and contact the office via email (strube@worldonline.co.za.) or phone the school on 011 8121632.

In case of an emergency, please contact the front office to make an appointment as you will have to go through a stringent access control process.

A survey will be sent out to all parents soon requesting information relating to return of learners in 2020. Communication is extremely important during this period. Please don't hesitate to phone the school with any matter concerning your child. Ensure that your contact details are updated in your child's school diary so that the school can contact you immediately in case of an emergency.

Our teachers and staff are looking forward to welcoming back all our learners.

Yours in education
Mr Ramos
Principal