

15 April 2021

Lockdown letter no 11

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2!

Please note the following important issues:

1. The Department of Basic Education has distributed to all schools a document entitled: "Standard Operating Procedures for the containment and management of COVID-19 in schools and school communities." We are very pleased to see that we have been highly compliant with these procedures, and we will continue to be so. Importantly, the document states that there must be one metre physical distancing between students in classrooms. Our Executive team is therefore confident that this spacing can be achieved at Cornerstone College if all learners attend school each day. Thus, ALL LEARNERS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY FROM MONDAY 19 APRIL. We are sure that this will be a huge relief for parents, as it is for our teachers!

Please note that:

- ALL other safety procedures will remain in place eg. wearing of masks, regular sanitising of hands and equipment and venues, social distancing, temperature screening etc.
- there will be an increase in traffic in the mornings and afternoons, so please practise extra caution and consideration
- for now, afternoon activities will continue according to the Term 1 afternoon activity timetable. We will inform you of any changes, in due course
- detention essays (in place of time penalties) will be upheld until further notice
- during break, the High School learners will no longer be required to sit on socially-distanced chairs, but they will be monitored by staff to ensure that social distancing is maintained. The tuckshop will remain closed
- After-care tariffs will return to full price from 1 May i.e. parents will enjoy the reduced rate until end of April

After a year of different school routines, there will be some "teething problems" as we move to the new normal. We thank all stakeholders for their patience and support.

2. We are also aware that schools are now permitted to reintroduce sports and matches, under strictly-controlled circumstances. However, as a school which has always prioritised academics, we need to focus on extra lessons in the afternoons. When we are sure that any and all academic backlogs have been addressed, we will consider the reintroduction of sports. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.
3. Each year, we have a big outreach during the winter term: Week of Bounty (21 June – 25 June). It's a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the poor in a combined effort of generosity and compassion. Kindly prepare to send to us used clothing, blankets, non-perishable foods (eg. cans of food, packets of soup, bags of maize-meal), toiletries and



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money. We will use any cash donations to buy new blankets. The main beneficiaries will be the residents of the "Plastic View" informal settlement in Pretoria East.

4. Far too many learners are missing important education because of latecoming. Tardy arrivals also disrupt the teachers and other learners. PLEASE ensure that your child arrives at school before 7:45am! We also request that parents/guardians ensure that transport drivers do not overload their vehicles.
5. Kindly note that the only entrance that serves visitors is the school's main foyer, where there is a sign-in and screening facility. The roller-door drive-through entrances are for use for staff and learners only. We cannot allow parents/guardians/representatives to bypass our safety procedures. We will be forced to escalate our response if our safety measures are ignored.
6. As winter approaches, we strongly recommend that every learner and staff member receives a flu injection. This will further protect the health of everyone in the school community.
7. We have still not received the Term 1 mark allocations from the DBE. Please see their email attached. This is making our assessment processes very difficult. We will revert to you as soon as the Department fulfills its obligations.
8. We welcome Miss J. Coetsee (junior EMS) who replaces Miss Nieuwoudt. We hope that Miss Coetsee enjoys a long and happy stay at Cornerstone College. Please pray for Miss Moatshe who is on sick leave. Mrs Mokobyane has kindly accepted her post as acting Hostel Manager. Miss Moatshe's classes are receiving work and support from the team teachers.

Yours in quality education



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