

Monday, 28 June 2021

Lockdown letter no 16

Dear Parents and Guardians

Following the President's speech last night, please note the following important points:

1. **Our Primary and High Schools will close on Wednesday 30th June.** Foundation Phase will be released at 1:30pm, Intermediate Phase at 1:45pm, Grades 8 – 11 at 2:00pm and Grade 12 (Matric Winter School) at 4:00pm. Boarders may be collected between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Boarders may also be collected between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Thursday 1 July, to accommodate parents who live abroad.
2. As a result, our winter holiday will begin two days earlier than scheduled. This loss of teaching time is minimal and we will catch up easily in Term 3. (We started the 2021 school year about a month before state schools, so we are favourably positioned in the curriculum.)
3. For the time being, Term 3 will recommence on Tuesday 27 July, as previously announced in Lockdown letter no 15:

"Term 3 begins on Tuesday 27 July at 7:45am for all day-scholars. Boarders need to return on Monday 26 July, between 2 and 5pm. Hostel fees are due on 1 July. Please ensure that payment is made promptly. If the July fee has not yet been paid, boarders will not be admitted. A doctor's COVID clearance letter for each boarder is required upon arrival. Please ensure that end of June day school fees are paid on time."

4. Learners will be instructed to take home all workbooks, exercise books and textbooks, should we need to move to online lessons from Tuesday 27 July. We will use Google Classroom (Grades 4 -12) and Class Dojo (Grades R-3) to do so.
5. Matric Winter School afternoon lessons will still run from Monday 28 June to Wednesday 30 June.
6. High School supplementary control tests will still run from Monday 28 June to Wednesday 30 June. We will reschedule the controlled tests which were meant to take place on Thursday 1 July. Any learners who have still not caught up on mid-year controlled tests will be accommodated on an individual basis early in Term 3.
7. Primary School Term 2 reports will now be handed out to the parents/guardians on Friday 2 July between 7:30 am and 10:00am. Please settle your June accounts before collecting these documents. All health protocols will apply to the parents/guardians upon entry to the school premises.
8. The school offices will remain open until Friday 2 July at noon. Please settle your June account before the end of this week. Experience has showed us that clients who postpone payments during holiday periods struggle to catch up on subsequent payments.



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9. Please inform us via email if your child tests positive for COVID during the holidays. Kindly forward the positive test result to us as well.
10. We plead with the Cornerstone family to practise every health protocol during this break. Lockdown level 4 is meant to be a time to flatten the COVID curve so let's try hard to achieve this.

I am taking comfort in Psalm 144:1 & 2: "There is only one strong, safe and secure place for me; It's in God alone and I love Him!... He's my shelter of love and my fortress of faith, who wraps Himself around me as a secure shield" (tPt)

We know that our country is experiencing very difficult times. We thank every parent/guardian, learner and staff member for showing extraordinary courage, resilience, endurance and adaptability during these dark days. You are in our prayers every day. We pledge our continued commitment to the best education and support for each of your precious children. The staff and Board members send their greetings to you.

Yours in quality education



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