



**THORNTREE**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## **Virtual School Environment Policy - April 2020**

Guided distant learning will continue to be provided whilst 'LOCKDOWN' commences throughout South Africa.

The school will provide every possible opportunity, through a virtual environment to ensure all pupils make progress as if the school were still open.

Virtual classrooms will have the same expectation as the 'normal' school classroom environment. Make sure your child is dressed in school uniform, has eaten a well-balanced breakfast and is ready and happy to start learning. All teachers will have a live-session at least once a day to ensure all students have seen their teachers daily to explain certain topics, revise the work, and to answer questions on certain topics.

School work during this time will be handed in online and marked for final reports. All homework is applicable during this time and absenteeism will be marked and allocated accordingly. There will be no relaxation of any school rules. Being timely is very important too so that your child does not miss out on certain information for certain classes.

For the Foundation Phase we have opted to use 'SEESAW APP' which is more user friendly for younger children especially as we know most parents will still be working from home. There is an attachment to this notice with guidelines on how to use the app. This app is being used in Swedish school and most private schools in Johannesburg have opted for it as well.

A virtual timetable will be sent to you by your teacher via WhatsApp to ensure you know exactly how the schedule will run for your child. You may arrange your day as you please, however, as you will be at home and all video lessons will be saved, please assist your child and make sure that each day's work is complete and sent in for marking.

Teachers will have uploaded the lessons for each day by 8am, please make sure that day's work is complete.

Playball has been added to the timetable as it is a formal school subject, please monitor this period. Get involved if you can.

Thank you for being patient and caring during this time. We would like to continue with our curriculum and continue our vision to create a joyous learning environment that affords learners the knowledge, skills and mind-set to be successful in their lives.

Should you have any hesitation please contact me as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Helyn Pope