



**26 May 2020**

**Dear parents,**

**We are so excited to start school on the 1 June 2020, our school has been deeply cleaned, all our policies, procedures and PPE is in place. Our teachers started school today, the classrooms are all taped up and social distancing has been the biggest priority whilst looking at the layout of the desks and carpets etc. All our preparation has been in accordance with DBE and COVIS-19 checklist.**

**Pivotal to the success of our pupils or parents returning is the willingness to send your children back to us, trusting that these measures are in place and one of the highest standards we can provide.**

**We recognise that some students will remain on our online learning platform, our teachers will support and guide them through this with patience and empathy. Assessment for these students will be required to be at school during their own specific time, this will be communicated in the near future.**

**The daily timetable and procedure of arrival and departure has been attached to this letter, please make sure you read through the policies clearly and make sure you understand all procedures that are put in place. There will be no extracurricular activities and this includes AFTERCARE.**

**Requirements for those students returning; 4 cloth masks, sanitized and cleaned stationery (make sure your child has everything he/she needs), charibag (foundation phase) and tablet or laptop, sanitiser and cloth for cleaning the learners table and chair, hand sanitizer for learners hands.**

**This has been a turbulent journey and while I am not saying we are out of troubled waters, we now have a sense of direction with the opening date. Be assured that you, our parents and our pupils, are at the heart of every policy drafter and every decision we make. Be safe and strong.**

**Helyn Pope  
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