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# PARENT CIRCULAR NO 13 OF 2021

**Dear Parents/Guardians** 

# 1. POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

The school has experienced a sudden increase in positive covid-19 cases over the past week that forced us to take drastic action. As we view the situation in a very serious light, it was decided to let learners gather on the sports field on Thursday rather than keep them in the classes.

We are well aware of the fact that the situation for you as a parent is worrying and very disruptive, but we want to assure you that we will not unnecessarily endanger the health of our learners and staff. You are requested to contact me if your child(ren) becomes ill and consequently tests positive. It is very important that everyone who was in contact with the specific learner will be informed. We request that learners, who have Covid-19 symptoms, follow the prescribed protocol and will not return to school until the compulsory isolation period has passed.

All rooms were sanitized by a professional company, which made it impossible to return to the classrooms.

We would like to thank you for your understanding.

## 2. COMMUNICATION

The above situation again pointed out the importance of effective communication. Many parents' personal details have changed recently and have not been updated. We urge parents to make sure the change is communicated to the office so that the necessary information can be updated.

Whatsapp is by far the easiest way of communication. Parents are requested to download the QR code relating to the grades in which they have children, so that the school will be able to communicate easily and quickly with parents in the different groups.

Whatsapp groups are set up according to the grade in which your child is. Because of the limit of 254 users per group we request that only **ONE** parent registers.

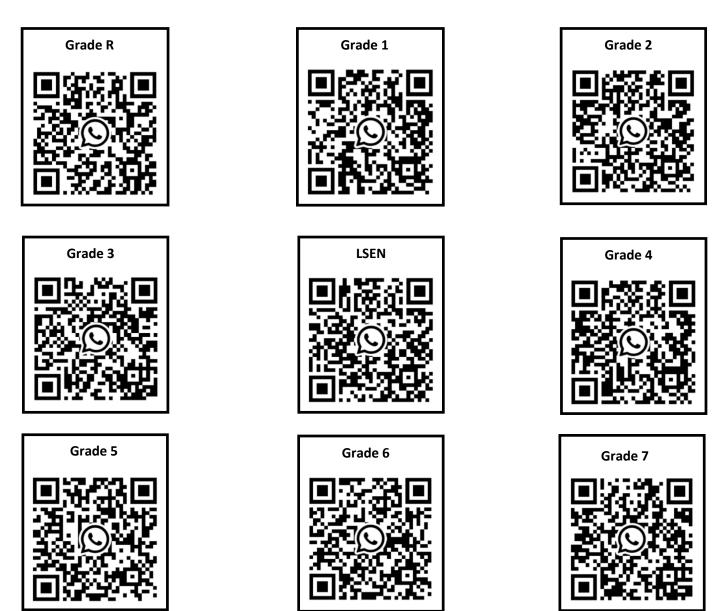
You will not be able to send messages on the group. Please be aware that other parents on the group will be able to see your phone number but not your name. We ask all parents to please respect one another's privacy.

To scan the QR Code please do the following:

(A video explaining the QR-codes was uploaded on our Facebook page).

Android / Any device except an iPhone	iOS / Apple iPhone
- Open your Whatsapp.	- Open your Whatsapp.
<ul> <li>Select the Camera icon at the top left hand side of the page.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Select the Camera icon at the bottom of the page.</li> </ul>
- Hold your phone over the <u>correct</u> QR Code.	- Hold your phone over the <u>correct</u> QR Code.
<ul> <li>Your phone will scan the QR Code and automatically add you to the chosen group.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Your phone will scan the QR Code and automatically add you to the chosen group.</li> </ul>
- Welcome!	- Welcome!

Please scan the QR Code/s below that are applicable to your child's grade. REMEMBER: Only one parent per learner, per grade. Thank you.



# 3. GRD 1-3 AND LSEN ASSESSMENTS

Information on the content to be assessed was received very late from the GDE. Consequently, parents are requested to ignore the previous assessment plan in this regard. You will now be informed weekly about the following week's assessments.

## 4. ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that access to the school premises will be limited. Access will only be permitted in exceptional cases and if the principal approves it. Parents are welcome to contact the school and teachers by phone or via the email addresses.

## 5. THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our leaders who faithfully help out on their "off days" with sanitation in the bathrooms, especially now that it is getting much colder. To the parents of the leaders, a special word of thanks. Our leaders assist us in making the process of applying protocol much easier.

#### 6. CLOTHING

Learners may wear Green "beanies" to school but must remove it when they are in class. No "buffs" are allowed as it doesn't give the necessary protection. Please refer to the general school rules regarding types of earrings and the tapering of school trousers.

## 7. COVID-19 HEALTH QUESTIONARES/SCANNING FORMS

After many calls and communication regarding the above there are still many learners who arrive at school daily with uncompleted scanning forms. Please make sure your child's scanning form is completed so that they will be able to enter the premises on time.

#### 8. MASKS

There are parents who pick up learners at school without masks. Parents will not be allowed to move between other learners without wearing a mask. There are also many learners who arrive at school daily without a mask. Please make sure that your child always wears a <u>clean</u> mask.

## 9. SPORT PRACTICE

Please note that the Governing Body has decided to discontinue all sports practice until further notice.

Fesie greetings

MR. J. G. CLAASSEN PRINCIPAL