

Hoërskool BOSMANSDAM High School

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Dear Parent / Geagte Ouer

I would just like to share a few arrangements regarding the return of our students as I know there is much anxiety and uncertainty about them returning to school.

The <u>Grade 11 students</u> returned on Monday, 6 July 2020, and will attend school daily with the Grade 12 students until Friday, 17 July 2020. Please note that school attendance is compulsory and work cannot be repeated for students who are absent.

The <u>Grade 10 students</u> will be returning on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>21 July 2020</u>, and will be attending classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, whilst the <u>Grade 11 students</u> will be attending classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from <u>Monday</u>, <u>20 July 2020</u>. The new date for the return of the Grade 10 learners was officially announced last night.

According to Gazette no 661, <u>Grade 9 learners</u> will now return to school on <u>Monday</u>, <u>17 August 2020</u>, and the <u>Grade 8 learners on Monday</u>, <u>31 August 2020</u>. Unfortunately, these dates will all be subject to change - as we have seen before.

Let asseblief op dat hierdie datums onderhewig is aan verandering. U sal van alle amptelike wysigings deur my in kennis gestel word.

EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The WCED has informed principals that students may be exempted from school attendance. In some instances, there are family members with comorbidities at home, which could make this option a consideration. You will find details of the two options on our website under the Covid-19 tab. If a student has a comorbidity, Annexure B1, a medical report and Annexure C must be sent to school. If a parent wishes to keep the child at home for another reason, Annexure B2 and Annexure C must be sent to school with a motivation. In both instances, applications must be sent to <u>dswartz@bmdhs.co.za</u>, it will then be forwarded to the WCED. Please note: the Department of Education must approve these applications before your child can stay at home. Applications must reach the school by Wednesday, 15 July 2020, to be considered.

Also, we will not be providing hard copies of lessons or work and students will have to make do with Google Classroom. All work will be uploaded on Google Classroom. All tests and examinations will have to be written at school and parents are still liable for the payment of school fees. Children of parents who will make use of Option 2 must attend school until the WCED has approved the applications.

I would personally not recommend this option (unless there are medical reasons) as socializing plays an integral part in a teenager's life and development. At this moment in history they must simply refrain

from touching and hugging each other, keep their masks on, keep their social distance and sanitize their hands regularly.

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EKSAMENS EN TOETSE

Inligting oor toetse, die toetsreeks en eksamens sal so gou moontlik volg. Moedig verder asseblief u kind aan om skool by te woon vir sy/haar eie geestelike welsyn en miskien u s'n ook!

Vriendelike groete

D.R. Human

Skoolhoof

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