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Dear Parents/Guardians

### RETURNING TO SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 2021

It has been officially gazetted that our learners may return to school on Monday, 15 February 2021. To comply with Covid-19 safety protocols, we will follow a staggered approach where only certain groups will be on campus on a specific day. Please take note of the schedule below for the duration of the current Covid-19 Level 3 restrictions:

- On Wednesday, 10 February 2021, Grade 8 orientation for NEW students will take place from 09:00 - 13:00
- On Monday, 15 February 2021, **ALL** Grade 12s, 11s and 8s must report to school.
- On Tuesday, 16 February 2021, **ALL** Grade 10s and 9s must report to school.
- On Wednesday, 17 February 2021, we will officially start alternate day teaching for Grades 8-11 (starting on DAY 3 on the timetable). See detailed information below.
- On Monday, 15 February 2021 and Tuesday, 16 February 2021, learners will receive Covid-19 orientation, their timetables and the process of issuing textbooks will start. Learners should therefore bring their school bags.
- On Wednesday, 17th February 2021, the alternate day timetable will start as explained below.

### Alternate day teaching of grades to achieve the 1m social distancing rule.

- Grade 12s will be required to attend school every day.
- In order to ensure 1m social distancing and adhere to the 50% capacity rule (we can deviate by 10% and still maintain the social distancing criteria), the following will be implemented:
  - Grade 12 will attend Monday to Friday.
  - **Grades 8-11** will be split into a **blue group (Surnames between A- L)** and a **red group (surnames between M-Z)**.

**Blue group** will come in on days: **1,3,5,7 and 9**

**Red Group** will come in on days: **2,4,6,8 and 10**

- This will be implemented from **17 February 2021**.
- Class sizes will not exceed the 1m social distancing rule.
- The 5 register classes in each grade (Grade 8 to 11) will be divided in two: a red group and a blue group eg. **8A1 (blue group)** and **8A2 (red group)**.
- Orientation will take place on the following days:

<b><u>Wednesday, 10 February 2021</u></b>	Grade 8 orientation	09:00 - 13:00
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<b>15-19 February 2021</b>					
Monday Orientation (School ends 13:00)	Grade 12	Grade 11			Grade 8
Tuesday Orientation (School ends 13:00)			Grade 10	Grade 9	
Wednesday Day 3	Grade 12	Grade 11 (Blue Group)	Grade 10 (Blue Group)	Grade 9 (Blue Group)	Grade 8 (Blue Group)
Thursday Day 4	Grade 12	Grade 11 (Red Group)	Grade 10 (Red Group)	Grade 9 (Red Group)	Grade 8 (Red Group)
Friday Day 5	Grade 12	Grade 11 (Blue Group)	Grade 10 (Blue Group)	Grade 9 (Blue Group)	Grade 8 (Blue Group)

#### **SCHOOL TIMES:**

<b>Gates open for screening</b>	06:45	
<b>School starts</b>	08:00	
<b>School finishes*</b>	14:30	Grade 8-12
<b>*Monday 15th February school closes 13:00</b> <b>*Tuesday 16th February school closes 13:00</b> From 17 February (Day 3) school closes 14:30		

#### **LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES/THOSE WORKING FROM HOME:**

- Learners who were granted permission to work from home last year need not apply again; please confirm this with Mrs Loughran (mloughran@bmdhs.co.za).



- Learners with approved co-morbidities will access the relevant subjects' Google classrooms and collect hard copies from the office.
- Our new Grade 8s who applied to the WCED for comorbidity status during 2020 need not apply again, but we will require proof that it has been granted.
- Parents can still apply for this option.

If your child has a valid comorbidity, then please make use of this option. However, in person teaching is better as the management of your child's education is then the teacher's responsibility and not yours.

Also, the social aspect of interacting with peers cannot be understated, however, you should make your decisions based on the best interest of your child, but we would like them back at school.

**The following are the guidelines on social distancing:**

- No hugging, kissing or handshaking; direct contact must be avoided.
- Cloth masks must be worn by learners at all times.
- No mass public events: all sports matches, practices and festivals are prohibited. This will be reviewed in accordance with DBE and WCED policies.
- Extra classes should be arranged in small groups that maintain social distancing.

**The following are the 5 Rules to prevent the spread of the coronavirus:**

**1. Separate yourself physically from other people:**

- Stay away from people as much as possible.
- Stay home if unwell.

**2. Physical distancing when around other people:**

- Keep a distance of at least 1m (2 arm lengths) from others.
- Do NOT shake hands, or hug, or fist bump, or elbow bump. Keep your distance.

**3. Hand washing/sanitising:**

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Rub hands with alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Wash hands after touching people, surfaces and objects.

**4. Practising good hygiene measures:**

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and then put the tissue in a bin and wash your hands immediately.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.

**5. Using cloth face masks:**

- Use a cloth face mask to cover your nose and mouth.
- Don't touch the mask after you put it on.
- Leave the mask on all the time except when you need to eat/drink. For eating/drinking, take it off carefully by the strings and place it in a clean paper or plastic bag.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

## **Infrastructure and Furniture**

- Classrooms and passages will be sanitized prior to the start of the school day.
- Hands will be sanitized on entering the classroom.
- No clustering of desks in classrooms.
- Learners and educators will be screened (temperature and symptom check) daily.
- Learners or staff members that present with raised temperature will be considered for isolation and testing.
- Learners must enter through the motorised gate with screening taking place at the clubhouse.
- A special plea from us is that you please ensure that your child has the proper uniform and that hair and general appearance is neat and presentable ([School Code of Conduct](#))

Please note:

### **NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.**

Please contact the secretary on 021 558 1070 or email, [sneethling @bmdhs.co.za](mailto:sneethling@bmdhs.co.za). We will make appointments should the need arise.

Finance can be contacted on 021 558 1070 or email, [deliseb@bosmansdam.co.za](mailto:deliseb@bosmansdam.co.za)

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing our learners again.

Kind regards



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