



Dear Parent / Geagte Ouer

It is now more than two months since the schools have closed on 20 March 2020 and I am well-aware that there is much anxiety around the reopening of the school, work that has been missed and obviously the health and safety of learners. I have forwarded a letter as well as our Covid-19 Protocol as approved by the SGB and staff with details regarding our counter-Corona measures to all our parents. It is also available on our school Facebook page and website.

I would like to thank the members of the SMT and Mr Barnes for their role in compiling the Covid-19 Protocol and for making the necessary arrangements for the return of our teachers, students and admin staff.

Hierdie inligting sal deurlopend opdateer word soos ons dit van die Departement van Basiese Onderwys en die WKOD ontvang. Dit sal die amptelike datums insluit wanneer die Graad 8-11 leerders sal terugkeer asook die datum van die volgende vakansie. Daar sal definitief nog net twee kwartale wees en die sogenaamde Junie-eksamen sal definitief wegval.

It is now imperative that any outstanding tasks, projects and examinations for all grades be caught up as soon as possible. I am of the opinion that the weighting of the first term's mark will be quite significant at the end of the year.

Die silabus vir Graad 8-11 sal gesny word terwyl die Graad 12-silabus onveranderd sal bly.

CORONA VIRUS

Parents of Grade 12 students must please take cognisance of the following arrangements, which were necessitated by the virus, as we are trying to contain the spread of Covid-19:

- * Mobile phones must preferably be left at home. If at school, it must be kept in the school bag at all times.
- * Students must wear their winter school uniform on Monday and Fridays.
- * From Tuesday to Thursday they may wear civvies.
- * Please ensure that they do not wear the same civvy clothes to school during the week and ensure that school uniforms are washed over the weekend.

Where at all possible, please cut your child's hair yourself before their return and ensure that the civvies they will be wearing are presentable.

Other precautionary arrangements:

- * Desks have been placed in the middle of the passages to ensure social distancing and

there are only 20 desks in the traditional classrooms.

- * Classes have been split and there is a new timetable.
- * Lockers have been moved to allow adequate distance between them.
- * Screening procedures have been put in place.
- * Sanitizing stations have been set up.
- * Grade 12 students will receive a bottle of sanitizer from the school. Parents must please top it up when necessary.
- * All Grade 11 and 12 students will receive three masks from the school and their temperatures will be checked daily.
- * Parents must please not visit the school unless a sick child is to be collected.
- * Parents are reminded NOT to send sick children to school under any circumstances, especially if they have the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - OR if they came into contact with someone who has Covid 19 within the last 14 days
- * Students must please NOT come to school before 06:45 as the gates will be closed.
- * We do not want the students to congregate on the sidewalk before the gates open as social distancing will be difficult to maintain and for obvious safety concerns.
- * They may not enter the premises BEFORE they have been screened.
- * Students who are not wearing a mask will not be allowed to enter the school premises.
- * All students must enter the school using the electric sliding gate.

The Matric Class of 2020 will have an amazing, but exciting challenge ahead of them. I am quite certain that they will embrace this challenge and I want to assure all parents that the teachers are motivated to do their very best for them and that they will support them to the hilt. I am convinced that Cleo Warner and her fellow-Knights are up to the challenge!

SCHOOL FEES

I can only commend our parents who are fulfilling their financial responsibilities to the school in these very trying times. This school cannot operate without your support. We cannot split classes, buy sanitizer, safeguard your child and provide excellent tuition without the financial support of the parents. More than one third of our staff complement are paid by the school, i.e the parents, and we simply cannot do without them as it will compromise the academic standards of the school as well as the safety of our children due to classes being too big.

Please note that school fees are payable for the full year by all grades irrespective of the number of school days missed. Again, there will only be two terms to catch up on outstanding work. Should you have been adversely affected financially, please contact Ms Delise Burger at deliseb@bosmansdam.co.za to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. Our banking details are as follow for EFT payments:

Bosmansdam High School
ABSA Parow
Branch Code: 632005
Cheque Acc nr: 0390391218

GENERAL

Please note that remote learning by the school can only be offered to learners with co-morbidities that are confirmed by a medical practitioner. The relevant documentation has been sent to parents who have indicated in the survey that their child has a comorbidity.

To our Muslim students and parents, I trust that Eid was a blessing for your families despite the lockdown.

Intussen is Hemelvaart ook amper ongesiens verby, maar ek vertrou dat dit ook vir baie 'n seëning was.

Vriendelike groete

D.R. Human
Skoolhoof
1 Junie 2020

TOP ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to our top achievers in grade 12!

1	Alicia	NAIDOO	85,6	13	Ginikachukwu	OKAFOR	74,7
2	Casey	KOBISON	85,3	14	Aimee	VAN STADEN	74,6
3	Cleo	WARNER	84,6	15	Leila	SLEMMING	74,3
4	Brian	MBAWA	81,7	16	Sinoxolo	MARIMANI	74,0
5	Ammaarah	SONDAY	79,6	17	Eyami	PHAKATHI	73,3
6	Mercy	MUTEMA	79,4	18	Katelyn	NEWINS	72,7
7	Micah	DIXON	78,7	19	Great	OBASI	72,0
8	Yachyaa	TOEFY	77,6	20	Joy	JOSEPHS	71,7
9	Keneilwe	SEKOOA	76,7	21	Christopher	CARTER	71,4
10	Anganathi	JACK	75,7	22	Tamia	JAFTHA	70,7
11	Katelinn	GROBLER	75,7	23	Skyla	KYLE	70,0
12	Cameron	NICHOLAS	75,4				

ARRANGEMENTS: COVID-19: MR DIRKS

Dear Class of 2020

Firstly, welcome back. To say that this has been a challenging year so far would be an understatement. We all have to understand that life as we knew it is no longer the norm. We understand that you are probably stressed, afraid and concerned about the effect it will have on your final year at school.

We are going to count on you to adhere to all the new rules we have put in place to ensure your safety, the staff's safety and ultimately the community's safety. You are going to sign an undertaking that you will follow and respect the following:

- If you suspect that you may be sick (with any contagious medical condition), or have a fever or have recently been in direct contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, you will stay home. You must wear a mask at all times. You will not be allowed on the premises if you do not have one.

- **You line up (1.5m) apart outside the electric sliding gate. Your hands will be sanitized and your temperature taken. If your temperature is 38°C or over you will be moved to a quarantine area. You will be tested again and should you still be over, your parents will be contacted to fetch you immediately.**
- These entry points will be open from 6:45 to 8:00 in the mornings.
- We know you will probably be excited to see your friends BUT, no hugging, kissing or handshaking is allowed; direct contact must be avoided.
- You will move to the back of the school after being tested.
- You must KEEP LEFT in passages and you must not touch others.
- In a case of rain, you will enter through the metalwork gate and queue in a single file, 1.5 m apart in the E-passage from room E6 to room E3. Once screened, you will go to designated passages to ensure social-distancing is maintained. You will also be in separate passages should it rain.
- You MUST sanitize your hands before entering a class and when you enter and exit a bathroom. Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap as often as possible.
- You must have the correct stationery and books as no sharing will be allowed. This is for your protection.
- Bring your own water bottle and food. DO NOT SHARE. The tuckshop will not be open until we reach Level 2.

Uniform:

We expect you to wear your school uniform on a Monday and a Friday. If your uniform has been contaminated, this will give you time to have it washed. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday you will wear civvies. You must wear fresh clothes every day in order to minimise contamination of the school.

The walls and floor of the passages will be sanitized in the morning and in the afternoon. This means that you must go home directly after school (unless you have extra lessons). You CANNOT stand in groups in front of the school. You MUST adhere to social distancing rules.

Classes:

You will be issued a new timetable and class sizes have been reduced to ensure that we adhere to the 1.5m social distancing rule. Classes will be 21 or less and you might have a new teacher. Please give them your full cooperation so that we, together, can ensure a successful year for you.

We will not be taking cell phones in during the register period. We would like you to leave it at home, but should you decide to bring it, it must remain in your bag at all times (switched off). It will be confiscated if seen.

Movement around the school:

You must stick to the KEEP LEFT rule at all times. Your hands will be sanitized by a teacher before entering a class. You are to remain in your desk at all times and at no point are you to contravene the 1.5 m social distancing rule. Toilets have a notice of the maximum occupancy allowed. DO NOT exceed this number, it is for your own protection.

Contravention of social distancing rules:

We are going to be very strict on this. Those who contravene these rules will be issued with a written warning and if there is a second offence, you will be suspended for up to 14 days. We hope that this won't be necessary and that you realise the seriousness of the situation.

All these things have been put in place to ensure the safety of the whole school community. If you take responsibility for your own actions and act in a responsible way, we have nothing to worry about.