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Gr 12 Newsletter – COVID 19

Dear Parent/Guardian

We almost reached the end of the two weeks back at school. We are grateful that, to date, we do not have anyone suffering from Covid-19 at this stage. We plea to learners and parents to adhere to the protocols in place at school **AND** in public. This is the *only* way to ensure the safety of our learners.

The Department of Basic Education updated Covid-19 protocols:

1. Schools are not required to close, institute restrictions or send learners or staff who have been in contact with a **suspected** Covid-19 case home until it is **confirmed** positive. Proof of the positive result must be presented at school in order to validate.
2. It is only when a learner has been **exposed** to a **confirmed** case of Covid-19 that they may not attend school. Learners who did not come in contact with said learner should continue attending school.

Taking the above into consideration, the following must be reported:

1. Overall, the adherence to the instituted protocol at school is followed by learners. However, we are experiencing problems with learners when they are leaving the premises after school. They are not wearing masks and they are **not** adhering to social distancing, especially at the café and in Stormvoël Road while waiting for transport.
2. In some small vehicles, restricted to max three persons in the car, four learners and the driver are getting out. Please speak to your public/private transport driver to ensure the safety of your child.
3. Learners are concerned about their safety at school. We once again ensure you that we are taking all the prescribed precautions everyday. However, learners cannot say they are concerned about their safety and therefore they stay home if they are not implementing Covid-19 protocol in public and at home. Learners are reminded that, during lockdown, they are NOT allowed to visit friends or family members outside their household. Parents are welcome to contact the school to make an **appointment** to view the protocols in place.
4. The overall attendance of Gr 12 learners is of concern. We understand if you are worried about the safety of your child. However, formal assessments will still continue. If your child misses a formal assessment and does not make any arrangements to catch up or hand in a doctor's letter, the learner will receive zero.
5. We are extremely concerned about learners who did not do anything during lockdown and who *still* do not show any concern about their school work.
6. Learners staying at home are required to check the school website (www.hspscrswart.co.za) and keep up to date with the work. The website is now *zero rated*, this means it does not use any data. The curriculum continues as required by the Department of Education.

7. The only way that the virus will stay out of this school, is if all staff, parents and learners work together.
8. The following definitions can be used and are of great importance:

Social distancing	A response in which people remain home and distant from others (such as refraining from shaking hands, hugging or going to the store if not necessary), without any known exposure to the virus, to limit possible transmission to or from others.
Self-quarantine	Staying in a place, either at home or elsewhere, for fourteen days because you have been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid-19. People self-quarantine when they are not currently sick , but have been or may have been exposed.
Self-isolation	Isolating within the house (if possible, even away from other family members) after you start showing symptoms of Covid-19.

9. SSIP classes are starting on Saturday, 20 June 2020 from 7:00 until 16:00. Please note that the same Covid-19 protocols still apply. Learners must be dressed in school uniform. The dates are as follows:

June	July	August	September	October
20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19	3, 10, 17, 24

The following subjects will be covered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Mathematical Literacy • Accounting • Business Studies • Economics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Geography • History • Life Science • Physical Science |
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We would like to *thank* the parents and learners working with the school to ensure the safety of your child and the other children in school.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Malcolm X

Kind regards

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Principal