

Dear Parents, Staff and Children

As we face the challenges we can assure you that we are not leaving one stone untouched to ensure that we can open Sunridge again when the time comes. This is however not in our hands and we await instructions, guidelines and permits to allow us to continue. Currently we are left to deal with what we can and we are proud to say that children, parents and staff are doing a great job.

We also know that for most children the skill to work independently is not embedded and that's why we include parents with teachers in our fight against COVID-19. As more and more parents informed us that they understand why they are not teachers and what teachers are enduring on a daily basis, we can also say that it's surely not easy to be at home juggling work, parenthood and teaching.

We also need to acknowledge our children for what they are facing and dealing with. Well done, youngsters, you are super!

We are continuing with the curriculum and with what's available and achievable we are providing you with sustainable work. We continue to acknowledge your challenges and respect the huge pressure and undertaking at each and every home during these times.

I need to thank parents and teachers for working shoulder to shoulder and for supporting one another. This is indeed the spirit we need and I believe that as we battle to cope with the new normal, we surely are not only battling it alone but children are facing with us the huge change in their small but very large world.

As we all wait for the Department of Education to put all in place for our core staff's safe return to school, we are already planning to expand our service to support you at home. While trying to manage all the different challenges which staff and parents are facing we could ask staff to move up their planning so that we could load this week's work early. This was to support parents who return to work under level 4. We also thank and respect parents who have been at work since day one and who endure a totally different ball game. I must also thank my staff who put in extra hours to ensure that work could be loaded earlier and for supporting parents and children.

Please communicate challenges with your class teachers or subject teachers. They will help or ask for support from grade heads, subject heads and HOD's. Mr Janse van Rensburg, Dr Noeth and Mrs Saayman are leading the team to plan for the future while anticipating scenarios and putting measures in place to deal with it all.

*The Department of Education will provide us with instructions and guidelines on the curriculum and how and when we will open up. Let me be honest and get straight to the point. It's not going to be plain sailing with what's coming and we are going to have setbacks, challenges, failures and many more negative aspects to deal with. I have voiced our concerns on the forums available and that's that.*

*It's now all about a positive attitude and to only deal with what we can as best as we can.*

We will ensure that we serve your child to the best of our ability. As administration and management we can report that our resources are up and running. We have faced challenges and had to adapt to make it work but we are working. We have managed to secure our PPE's, we will

comply with regulations when needed and we will only communicate if we are 100% certain of the facts and the way forward.

Please stay safe, stay positive, take a break, smile, love your children and let's never lose faith. Make a difference and remember that it's your choice to allow people and circumstances to influence your lives. Should you be in any distress please let us know, maybe we can help or support. Should a mail not be answered, please send it again as these resources are also under huge pressure.

I pray that the Lord will be with you and that He will protect you from harm, keeping you safe and allowing you to use whatever opportunity there might be to make a difference. A smile or friendly word is possibly the only thing someone might need right now!

Geagte Ouers, Personeel en Kinders

Terwyl ons die uitdagings die hoof bied, kan ek u verseker dat ons alles in ons vermoë doen om die skool te heropen wanneer die regte tyd daar is. Dit is egter nie ons besluit om te neem nie, maar ons moet wag op instruksies, riglyne en permitte alvorens ons kan voortgaan. Ons moet tans werk met wat ons het en ons kan trots wees op die goeie werk wat kinders, ouers en personeel doen.

Ons is ook daarvan bewus dat kinders nie daaraan gewoond is om onafhanklik te werk nie en daarom werk ouers en onderwysers saam om COVID-19 die hoof te bied. Al hoe meer ouers kom tot die besef dat daar 'n rede is hoekom hulle nie onderwysers is nie en hulle het ook 'n insig in die probleme waarmee onderwysers op 'n daaglikse bases te kampe het.. Ons weet ook dit is nie maklik om werk, ouerskap en onderrig by die huis die hoof te bied nie.

Ons het ook groot respek vir al die uitdagings wat ons kinders daaglik in die gesig staar. Knap gedaan, julle!

Ons gaan voort met die leerplan en met wat beskikbaar en bereikbaar is en ons voorsien werk wat ondersteuning bied. Ons het begrip vir die uitdagings en ongelooflike druk wat elke enkele huishouding in hierdie tyd ervaar.

Ek bedank die ouers en onderwysers wat saamstaan en mekaar ondersteun. Dit is die gees wat ons nodig het en ek weet dat ons die stryd nie alleen voer nie, maar dat ons kinders ook te kampe het met die nuwe normaal en al die veranderinge aan hul klein wêreldjie.

Terwyl ons almal vir die Dept van Onderwys wat om alles in plek te plaas vir ons kernpersoneel se veilige terugkeer, beplan ons reeds om ons diens uit te brei om u tuis te ondersteun. Terwyl ons poog om al die verskillende uitdagings wat personeel en ouers in die gesig staar, te bestuur, het ons personeel gevra om hierdie week se werk vroeër te laai. Dit is gedoen ter ondersteuning van ouers wat ingevolge vlak 4 moes terugkeer werk toe. Ons bedank en respekteer ook ouers wat van dag een af werk en wat ander soort uitdagings die hoof moes bied. Ek bedank ook my personeel wat ekstra ure gewerk het om te verseker dat werk vroeër gelaai kon word ter ondersteuning van ouers en kinders.

Kontak asseblief u klas- of vakonderwyser indien u enige probleme ondervind. Hulle sal u help of die graadhoof, vakhoofde of departementshoofde raadpleeg. Mnr Janse van Rensburg, dr Noeth en

mev. Saayman is in beheer van die span wat vir die toekoms beplan terwyl hulle verskillende probleme voorsien en maatreëls in plek plaas om dit die hoof te bied.

Die Dept van Onderwys sal instruksies en riglyne i.v.m. die leerplan voorsien, asook hoe en wanneer die skole sal heropen. Ek moet ruiterslik erken dat dit nie maklik gaan wees nie en dat ons terugslae, uitdagings, mislukkings en vele meer negatiewe aspekte sal moet trotseer. Ek het ons kommer op die beskikbare forums gedeel.

Nou moet ons net ons bes doen en verseker dat ons 'n positiewe ingesteldheid handhaaf.

Ons sal verseker dat ons ons kinders na die beste van ons vermoë dien. Uit 'n administratiewe en bestuursoogpunt kan ek berig dat ons bronne in plek geplaas is. Ons het uitdagings ervaar en moes aanpassings maak, maar ons werk. Ons het alle veiligheidsmaatreëls gereed, ons sal aan die regulasies voldoen wanneer nodig en ons sal slegs kommunikeer wanneer ons 100% seker is van die feite en hoe die pad vorentoe lyk.

Bly asseblief veilig, bly positief, vat 'n blaaskansie, glimlag, wees lief vir u kinders en moet nooit moed verloor nie. Maak 'n verskil en onthou dit is u keuse of u mense en omstandighede gaan toelaat om u lewe te beïnvloed. Stel ons asseblief in kennis indien u enige spanning ervaar, dalk kan ons u help of ondersteun. Indien ons nie op 'n e-pos reageer nie, stuur dit asseblief weer want ons bronne is tans onder groot druk.

Ek bid dat die Here u sal veilig hou en beskerm en u sal toelaat om elke moontlike geleentheid te gebruik om 'n verskil te maak. Miskien is 'n glimlag of vriendelike woordjie net wat iemand nou nodig het!