

Dear Parents

We are moving forward while dealing with the new normal. We all face challenges and after 8 weeks of dealing with distance teaching the staff also face the reality of coming back to school. While continuing with distance teaching we will also manage the return of Grade 7's and the development of other support to learners and parents.

The new "normal" is a reality we all need to face. We are dealing with it and as we continue we learn to cope and accept it. Thank you to the SGB for making funds available for us to source PPE's and to allow us to start with preparation and be able to use our resources again. It will take a while before we can be up and ready to run the school while complying with regulations.

As Principal I only received permission to return to school on Monday, 25 May 2020. I received my permit and had to issue permits to all staff. I, however, needed to act responsibly and had to clean, sanitize, disinfect and then present the orientation and then training all support staff. We then prepared for the Office staff, the SMT and teaching staff. They have now all been through orientation and training.

This included cleaning and disinfecting toilets for staff, passages and setting up the hall and staffroom. Fortunately, we had a retired Health and Safety officer from Sovereign Foods, an Occupational Health and Safety Officer and Labour Attorney supporting and advising us. We are moving forward while applying the Standard Operational Procedure from the Province and following guidelines, policies and resolutions. This takes time as we need to comply while doing it - this is hard labour and I need to thank our staff.

The staff are all ready but will keep on working remotely as we need to move into the rest of the building - the so called "deep cleaning" is seemingly not going to be done by the Department nor the delivery of PPE's in time. We obtained permission from the SGB to move forward by preparing classes for the return of the Grade 7's ourselves. We will be cleaning the classrooms properly.

The school was closed for 8 weeks: on moving into the building and classes only one person unlocks the doors, sanitizes door handles and the shoes of all cleaners and staff. Desks have been re-arranged for a 1,5 social distance compliance, washed down with Jik and sanitized with D-Germ 70% alcohol. The floors were treated the same way before using Foggers to disinfect the room. It is an overkill but we believe that we rather do more. We use certified F10 disinfectant.

As yet we have not received any PPE's from the Department. This will compromise the opening of our school on 1 June 2020 for Grade 7's and we await guidance from our Circuit Manager. We cannot take over their responsibility in this regard, although we try our utmost to comply.

We cannot, however, fall behind on what we can do and moving forward all documentation is ready and in place. The dates might change but we will deal with that later.

On the Portal you will find a few documents:

1. Notice from the SGB is self-explanatory and a link for the disclaimer and indemnity form will be sent. **This is only for the Grade 7's at this stage.**
2. The Screening Consent form will also be part of the link. **This is only for the Grade 7's at this stage.**
3. **COVID-19 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL**
This document explains our way forward and how we will deal with the issues. Please note that as we move forward we might change and develop new strategies.
4. Instruction Note 20

All staff are willing to return, they have seen what we have done, were able to ask questions, raise concerns and are part of the solutions.

Please stay safe and pray for our school

Sunshine greetings


M DE VRIES
Principal



Geagte Ouers

Ons beweeg vorentoe terwyl ons aan die nuwe normaal gewoon raak. Ons moet almal uitdagings die hoof bied en ná 8 weke van afstandsonderrig moet die personeel weer daaraan gewoon raak om terug te keer skool toe. Terwyl ons met afstandsonderrig voortgaan, moet ons ook die terugkeer van Gr 7 en die ontwikkeling van ander ondersteuningsvorme aan leerlinge en ouers bestuur.

Die nuwe "normaal" is 'n realiteit wat ons almal in die gesig staar. Ons hanteer dit en met verloop van tyd sal ons leer om aan te pas en vrede te maak. Baie dankie aan die SBL wat fondse beskikbaar gestel het om persoonlike beskermingstoerusting te bekom en ons in staat gestel het om met voorbereidings te begin en weer ons bronne te kan benut. Dit sal tyd neem voor ons weer aan die gang kan kom terwyl ons aan regulasies voldoen.

As Skoolhoof het ek eers op Maandag 25 Mei 2020 toestemming ontvang om terug te keer skool toe. Ek het my permit ontvang en moes permitte aan alle personeel uitreik. Ek moet egter verantwoordelik optree, alles moes gereinig en ontsmet word en dan moes oriëntering aangebied en alle ondersteuningspersoneel opgelei word. Ons moes toe voorberei vir die kantoorpersoneel, SBS en laastens die onderwyspersoneel. Almal het oriëntering en opleiding ondergaan.

Dit behels die skoonmaak en ontsmetting van toilette vir personeel en gange en die voorbereiding van die saal en die personeelkamer. Gelukkig het ons die advies en ondersteuning bekom van 'n afgetrede Gesondheids- en Veiligheidsbeampte van Sovereign Foods, 'n Beroepsgesondheids- en Veiligheidsbeampte en 'n Arbeidsprokureur. Ons beweeg vorentoe terwyl ons die standaard operasionele prosedures van die provinsie volg en voldoen aan die riglyne, beleide en resolusies. Dit is tydrowend, want ons moet aan alles voldoen terwyl ons vorentoe beweeg. Dit is harde werk en ek moet ons personeel bedank.

Die personeel is nou gereed, maar ons moet steeds afstandswerk doen, want die res van die gebou moet voorberei word, aangesien die sogenaamde "diep reiniging" blykbaar nie deur die Departement gedoen gaan word nie en persoonlike beskermingstoerusting gaan ook nie betyds afgelewer word nie. Ons het dus toestemming van die SBL verkry om self voort te gaan met die voorbereiding van klasse vir die terugkeer van Gr 7. Alles sal behoorlik ontsmet word.

Die skool was vir 8 weke gesluit, wanneer ons die gebou en klasse binnegaan, sluit slegs een persoon die deure oop, ontsmet deurhandvatsels en skoene van skoonmakers en personeel. Lessenaars word 1,5 m van mekaar geplaas, met Jik gewas en daarna met D-Germ, 70% alkohol, ontsmet. Die vloere is op dieselfde wyse behandel voordat ons ons Foggers gebruik het om die vertrek te ontsmet. Dit is meer as genoeg, maar ons doen liewer te veel as te min. Ons gebruik gesertifiseerde F10-ontsmetmiddel.

Ons het nog geen persoonlike beskermingstoerusting van die Departement ontvang nie. Dit stel die opening van ons skool vir Gr 7 op 1 Junie 2020 in gevaar, maar ons wag op leiding van ons Kringbestuurder. Ons kan nie hul verantwoordelijkheid in hierdie opsig oorneem nie, maar ons doen ons bes om die voorskrifte te volg.

Ons kan egter nie agter raak met wat ons doen nie en ons moet alle dokumentasie vir die pad vorentoe in plek plaas. Die datums mag verander, maar dit is 'n kwessie vir 'n ander dag.

Daar is 'n paar dokumente op die Portaal:

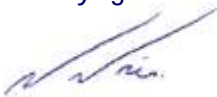
1. Die kennisgewing van die SBL spreek vanself en 'n skakel vir die vrywarings- en kwytskeldingsvorm sal gestuur word. **Op hierdie stadium is dit slegs vir Gr 7.**
2. Die "screening"-toestemmingsvorm is ook deel van die skakel. **Op hierdie stadium is dit slegs vir Gr 7.**
3. **COVID-19 BESTUURSPLAN VIR DIE HEROPENING VAN DIE SKOOL**
Hierdie dokument verduidelik die pad vorentoe en hoe ons probleme die hoof gaan bied. Neem asseblief kennis dat strategieë mettertyd mag verander en ontwikkel.
4. Instruksienota 20

Alle personeel is bereid om terug te keer, hulle het gesien wat ons gedoen het, hulle kon vrae vra en bekommernisse deel en hulle is deel van die oplossing.

Bly asseblief veilig en dra ons skool in gebed op.



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