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3 December 2020

Dear Parents

We welcome all 2021 Grade 1 parents - this newsletter will deal with aspects which are of vital importance to all.

OPEN COMMUNICATION

To adhere to all regulations in Instruction Note 49 from the Superintendent-general all meetings must now be done virtually, no face to face meetings.

Temporary closing of the school for the past 3 days was clearly the right thing to do. Our staff were under pressure to complete the test series, mark, moderate and prepare schedules and reports as well as being under severe attack from COVID-19 symptoms. We struggled to maintain our compliance so as to ensure the safety of our children due to some staff showing symptoms and a few testing positive.

Many more Sunridge families also tested positive while others are recovering and dealing with it daily. This is definitely not the time to argue the fact that COVID-19 is a threat and influencing our day to day management.

It is shocking that some children from families where someone in the household tested positive were sent to school. Social events were not only well attended but it eventually led to exposure we could not combat even with our strict measures. Information was kept from us which definitely put us at risk.

While many parents act responsibly by informing us and adhering to our regulations, we must again state that the very few not adhering put us all at risk. Many schools have already ended their academic year and some schools have even closed. We want to work and be functional until the 15th BUT not at the cost of our safety due to people's noncompliance or disrespect for safety.

We understand parents choosing to keep children at home and we respect that - yes, it does relieve pressure on us. We also understand parents who send children to school and we respect that as well. We will never tell a child to stay at home if in compliance.
It is imperative that children who come to school do not have any symptoms. Parents cannot instruct children not to tell us if they do not feel well NOR can a child from a family with a positive case in the same house come to school.

I assure you that each and every staff member at Sunridge Primary School has pulled their weight and worked beyond the normal. They walked the extra mile and YES they also make mistakes and they are also tired BUT they have worked harder and longer hours than ever. We do not take anything away from parents and children that this was a difficult year for all BUT safety and the lack of respect by a few compromised our staff, children and parents beyond what we will tolerate. I apologise should this offend any person but I need to point it out.

Internal Class Prize Givings

These have been cancelled and we will put all certificates in the report envelopes, trophy winners will be informed and we will hand over trophies when we can do so safely. Reports will still be handed over as scheduled and it is your choice to send your child to school or not. We can provide a safe environment as we have and we will not compromise our safety standards. Your child is welcome at school and we will continue with our programme and replace the prize givings with appropriate work.

Grade 1 Know your School Day: Cancelled

This is now out of our control as we must comply with instructions. We regret to inform you that we must cancel this day for all 2021 Grade 1's. We will communicate new arrangements to you shortly. Our main concern is to support you to know how to get your child into class and pick them up in the afternoon. This must be done within safety protocols and we will not compromise anyone's safety.

We need to get past the current COVID-19 spike and we will, if possible, schedule the meeting closer to school opening in 2021. We will consult with you as we know it is not easy for working parents - we again humbly apologise, this is not within our control.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Sunridge Family. This is a challenge as the road ahead is uncertain. COVID-19 has truly thrown us a few curve balls but we will prevail and will manage it. Please be patient - we thank you for your understanding. Please send any urgent questions to info@sunridge.co.za and we will attend to them ASAP.

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Please stay safe………"together we grow"

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Geagte Ouers

Ons verwelkom alle 2021 Gr 1-ouers en hierdie nuusbrief behandel aaangeleenthede wat vir almal van die uiterste belang is.

OPE KOMMUNIKASIE

Instruksie 49 van die Superintendent-Generaal bepaal dat ons aan alle regulasies moet voldoen en alle vergaderings moet nou in die kuberruim geskied, geen vergaderings van aangesig tot aangesig word meer toegelaat nie.

Dit was duidelik die regte besluit om die skool vir die afgelope drie dae te sluit. Terwyl ons personeel onder druk verkeer het met die voltooiing van die toetsreeks, merkwerk, moderering en die voorbereiding van skedules en rapporte, is hulle ook deur COVID-19-simptome geteister. Ons het geworstel om die veiligheid van ons kinders te verseker, aangesien talle personeellede simptome gehad het en 'n paar positief getoets het.

Heelwat Sunridge-gesinne het ook positief getoets, terwyl ander op die herstelpad is en 'n daaglikse stryd voer. Ons is deeglik daarvan bewus dat COVID-19 'n bedreiging is en ons daaglikse bestaan oorskadu.

Dit is wel skokkend dat sommige kinders uit families waar iemand in die huishouding positief getoets het, skool toe gestuur is. Sosiale byeenkomste is in groot getalle bygewoon en dit het uiteindelik gelei tot 'n blootstelling wat ons selfs met ons streng maatreëls nie kon bekamp nie. Inligting is van ons weerhou en het ons in gevaar geplaas.

Talle ouers tree verantwoordelik op en gee gehoor aan ons beroep om by die regulasies te hou, maar weereens is dit die enkeles wat ons almal in gevaar stel. Heelwat skole het reeds die akademiese jaar afgelsuit en daar is selfs skole wat gesluit het. Ons wil tot die 15de werk, MAAR nie ten koste van ons veiligheid as gevolg van mense wat nie regulasies nakom nie en geen waarde aan veiligheid heg nie.

Ons het begrip vir mense wat kies om hul kinders tuis te hou en ons respekteer die besluit. Ja, dit verlig wel die druk op ons. Ons het egter ook begrip vir ouers wat hul kinders skool toe stuur en ons respekteer ook dit. Ons sal nooit verwag dat 'n gesonde kind by die huis gehou word nie.

Dit is egter van die uiterste belang dat kinders wat skool toe kom, nie simptome het nie. Ouers mag nie hul kinders opdrag gee om ons nie te vertel as hulle siek voel nie en 'n kind uit 'n gesin waar iemand positieif getoets het, MAG ook nie skool toe kom nie.
Ek kan u verseker dat elke enkele personeellid van Sunridge Primêre Skool skouer aan die wiel gesit en hul beste gelewer het. Hulle het die ekstra myl gestap en JA, hulle maak ook foute en hulle raak ook moeg, MAAR hulle het harder en langer ure as gewoonlik gewerk. Ons weet hierdie was 'n besonder moeilike jaar vir ouers en kinders, MAAR die gebrek aan respek van enkele persone het ons personeel, kinders en en ouers in gevaar gestel en ons geduld beproef. Ek vra om verskoning indien iemand aanstoot neem, maar dit is iets wat ek moet noem.

Interne Klasprysuitdelings

Hierdie prysuitdelings word gekanselleer en alle sertifikate sal saam met die rapporte in die koeverte uitgedeel word, trofeewenners sal in kennis gestel word en trofeë sal oorhandig word wanneer dit veilig is. Rapporte sal soos reeds bekend gemaak, uitgedeel word en u kan besluit of u kind skool moet bywoon al dan nie. Ons kan dan 'n veilige omgewing voorsien en ons sal nie veiligheidstandaarde inboet nie. U kind is welkom by die skool en ons sal met ons program voortgaan en die prysuitdelings met toepaslike werk vervang.

Gr 1-Bekendstellingsdag: Gekanselleer

Dit is nou buite ons beheer en ons moet instruksies volg. Ons moet ongelukkig die Gr 1-bekendstellingsdag kanselleer. Nuwe reëlings sal binnekort aan u bekend gemaak word. Ons fokus veral daarop om u te help om u kind in die klas te kry en weer in die middag te kom haal. Ons moet dit binne veiligheidsmaatreëls doen en ons sal niemand se veiligheid in gevaar stel nie.

Ons moet die huidige COVID-19 oplewing oorkom en ons sal indien moontlik die vergadering dus naby aan die tyd wanneer die skool in 2021 heropen, reël. Ons sal u raadpleeg, want ons weet dit is nie maklik vir werkende ouers nie. Ons vra weereens nederig om verskoning, maar dit is buite ons beheer.

Ons sien daarna uit om u te ontmoet en as deel van die Sunridge-familie te verwelkom. Dit is nogal 'n uitdaging, want die pad vorentoe is duister. COVID-19 het ons landskap verander, maar ons sal sterk staan en dit te bowe kom. Wees asseblief geduldig en baie dankie vir u begrip. Enige dringende navrae kan aan info@sunridge.co.za gerig en ons sal so spoedig moontlik daarop reageer.
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Bly asseblief veilig………"saam groei ons"

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LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS / LEERDERPRESTASIES

If not a school event, official results must be emailed to wendy@sunridge.co.za within one week of the event.
Indien nie 'n skoolaktiwiteit nie, moet uitslae binne een week na wendy@sunridge.co.za gestuur word.

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