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Dear Parents

In the busyness of the current situation, I hope and pray that our Rhodes High School matric class is coping and doing well, adapting to a 'new normal'. We hope that learners are taking every step to ensure that they are empowered in their learning, making use of the GoogleClassroom and Whatsapp platforms to supplement their learning.

It is incumbent on us to inform you that two members of staff have tested positive for Covid-19. This has been difficult for us all, as we come to terms with how to deal with this and follow safety protocols. In the same breath, we wish these staff members all of the very best as they recover from this virus. We are praying for your wellbeing and that of your family. We assure you in the strongest terms that we are completely ready for the processes of screening each day. In both cases, both staff members contracted the virus outside of school, and not on the school premises. Still, we are taking all the necessary precautions in terms of ensuring that the entire building is sanitized on a daily basis. Each teacher also sanitizes each and every desk and chair at the end of each period, and each learner and staff member's hands are sanitized at the beginning of each period, and as often as may be required.

We have made contact with the District Office, who have advised that we may not close school, but that every precaution must be reinforced in ensuring that any and all surfaces and venues where these staff members have been are sanitized and decontaminated. We assure you that the health and safety of learners and staff alike is paramount to us. We will do our level best to ensure that all our learners and staff are protected.

To this end, I also want to address the Matric learner body, and remind them to observe social distancing, particularly at break. Many learners seem to either assume they will not get the virus or are not carrying the virus, or that this is but a farce. We ask you please to have very serious, stern discussions with your child about their behaviour at school. Far too many learners are not taking the matter in the serious light it is meant to be taken, and it places those of us who are taking it seriously, at risk. If a learner still does not comply with Covid-19 protocols, they will be given one warning, after which stern action will be taken. We wish not for this to happen, but it will be necessary in the care of all in our school family.

As I have ended each communique in the last months, I again wish to remind you that I am praying for you. These are difficult times, and prayer is much needed. I ask you, too, to pray for us, as we find the best ways forward.

Yours sincerely,

K Long,
Principal