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Dear Parents

The Grade 12 class has been back at school for three weeks now. We hope that the Matric class of 2020 have managed to make the most of their time at school, receiving everything they possibly can from their teachers.


It has come to our attention that two more staff members have tested positive for Covid-19. We can safely say that neither of these staff have been at school and have both been in isolation since before we closed for deep cleaning on Wednesday 10 June 2020, and became symptomatic only after we closed. The school is safely sanitized every day, at the end of each and every lesson, at the beginning and end of every day, and learners are sanitized at the start of every lesson, on entering any classroom. We again would like to ensure these staff members of our continued support and prayers for their and their family's wellbeing.

This does continuously emphasize that we need to protect our personal wellbeing. We need to wash/sanitize our hands often, wear masks, maintain social distancing and not share goods. We still find ourselves having to confront learners to maintain social distancing and to wear masks **at all times**. This really is unacceptable. We ask you again to please have stern conversations with your child about these matters. It is never too late to dispel the myth that 'coronavirus does not exist'. It absolutely does! We are seeing it come closer and closer to home, and the numbers – particularly in the Western Cape – are growing rapidly.

Again, we would like to thank those parents who have maintained their commitment to their child's education, by ensuring that school fees are paid. There are still too many parents who are not coming to the party on this matter, however. We ask you, please, to honour your commitment to the school. We are doing everything we can to ensure that your child gets the best chance at success at the end of the year, but this will become increasingly impossible if we have to retrench staff because we will not have the money to foot the salary bill, amongst other bills. So we can only ensure that your children are academically fed if parents make good on these commitments. Again, we are aware and cognizant and sympathetic to the fact that many households have had incomes slashed during this time. We ask you, though, to please make some form of commitment to the school. This would be much, much appreciated.

As I have ended every communication in this time, I would again like to say that I am praying for you all. As Principal, the wellbeing of my school weighs heavy on my shoulders. I rely on a gracious God to bless our school and every family we serve. I pray that you will, in turn, also pray for us.

Yours sincerely,


K Long, Principal