



HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

DETAILS REGARDING THE RETURN OF GRADE 10 AND 11 LEARNERS

With the scheduled return of the grade 10 and 11 learners on our doorstep, it is time to share the necessary arrangements. We had time to test out our plans with the grade 12 learners already back at school and I am pleased to say that there were very few hiccups that needed to be rectified.

We are aware that parents are apprehensive about their children returning to school. Please be assured that a lot of thought has gone into the procedures that have been put into place. The staff of Hyde Park are a dedicated group of individuals that only have the best interest of your child at heart and will work tirelessly to ensure all procedures are being followed.

Please read the school's Standard Operating Procedures that is posted on our website and D6 Communicator again and discuss the procedures with your child. Putting emphasis on the importance of adhering to the new way of living in South Africa, because we can only be successful if all individuals adhere to the required regulations to make our school as safe as possible.

Although we screen the learners at school, you should do the same at home and if your child is feeling ill, rather keep them at home till they are better. If your child make use of public or alternative transport, please ensure that the transport company adheres to the national sanitising and social distancing regulations.

We are expecting the PPE's for the grade 10's and 11's to be delivered this weekend. The GDE instructed all schools that learners may only return to school once the relevant PPE's have been received. Should the delivery not take place, you will receive an SMS over the weekend advising you to keep your child at home.

Just a reminder that the learners will be allowed to wear a 'new uniform' to school. The correct attire will be jeans/trousers with a warm jersey/jacket and closed toe shoes. The reason for this decision is that we are entering the coldest part of winter and we would prefer our learners to wear warmer clothes so that they have less chance of catching a cold or getting the flu. This is a temporary concession and once warmer weather arrives, we will revert back to the formal school uniform. Please note that this is not a civvies day, but rather a precaution and learners should treat this concession with respect.

We have designed a new timetable for grade 10-12 learners which will be available on our website and D6 Communicator. Lessons will be 1h45mins with a 15 min break between lessons. Learners only need to attend the lessons for the subjects they take. While grade 12 learners have to attend school every day, the grade 10 and 11 learners will be attending in alternating cycles (3-days at school, 3-days working on Google Classroom at home).

In practice it will work as follows: Gr 11's must return to school on Monday, 6 July 2020 for orientation and will continue with lessons thereafter as per Day 2 of the timetable as well as Tuesday, 7 July 2020. Grade 10's will only need to report to school on Wednesday, 8 July 2020 for orientation and will continue with lessons as per day 1 of the time-table. This procedure will explained to your child on the first day back at school.

Should you have any queries, please send an email to the school and we will endeavour to assist you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Aling', written in a cursive style.

Mrs E Aling
Acting Principal