

30 May 2020

School Newsletter

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DEAR MCA FAMILY

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for His intervention in opening a small window for us as a school to do what we know best. There is some light signaling the end of the tunnel, but we continue to pray for God's wisdom over our leaders as the battle against the pandemic is not yet won.

Let us also pray for MCA staff and learners as they go back to school - the challenges they will face is beyond imagination. May God give them all the strength they need to endure them as they go through this rough patch.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Lockdown Level 3 starts from the 1st of June and that opens gates for schools to start operating again.

As indicated via SMS sent to parents during the week, MCA is ready to start operating from Monday, the 1st of June. Grade 12 only expected.

We would like to clear the confusion created by the statements on national and social media calling for teachers and learners not to return to school on this day – **THESE STATEMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE MCA!** We are an independent school operating free from the directives of the associations or bodies that are making such utterances.

However, whilst we are only responsible for the safety of our learners during the time they are at school, we urge parents to be cautious of anything that may threaten the safety of their children as they travel to and from school. If you cannot guarantee some level of safety for your child, do not send your child to school until the situation is free of any threats or danger. I pray that God leads and guides us in what we must do!

RE-OPENING PLANS

Our plans to re-open the school have been put in place and we can confidently say all the basic safety requirements have been met and relevant screening procedures are in order.

Procedure to be followed every day is as follows:

Gates open at 7am - there is strictly no entry to the school before this time.

Learners will be dropped off at the designated area and will move to the stations where they will have their **temperatures checked** and be **sanitised**.

If their temperature is higher than **37,7°C**, they will go to the waiting area for a re-take and checking of other flu-like symptoms. A combination of these (high temperature and other symptoms) will invite a check-up by a qualified health official - to be conducted in the presence of the parent.

[We urge parents to have their **PHONES ON** should there be a need for them to come to school!!]

Strictly **no entry without a mask!**

Learners will go straight to class after the screening, where they will have their desks and chairs disinfected.

Desks have been placed **1,5m apart for social distancing** and must not be moved.

Learners are not allowed to exchange desks, chairs, textbooks or stationery items.

Parents can come and do own inspection of the safety plans put in place. An appointment for this must be made.

MOUs and OTHER DOCUMENTS

The following will be sent to parents via email:

- Letter about official re-opening of school
- Survey to indicate whether your child is coming or not
- Memorandum of understanding, which is a special agreement between parent, learner and school regarding the information given to parents about Covid-19 health and safety regulations.

ONLINE SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL CLASSES EVEN BEYOND THE 1ST OF JUNE UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE SCHOOL.