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Dear Parents and Learners

I hope that you and your family are all safe and healthy and that you have rested well during our mid-term break of two weeks. I also trust that your children are ready to return to school on Monday, 27 July so that we can continue with their education. We are aware that the state schools will be closing again for a period of time, but fortunately the private school you have chosen to enroll your child at has the option to decide otherwise.

In consultation with the various role players, Helderberg High School will re-open on 27-07-2020 until further notice. I can assure you that we esteem the safety of our children very highly and that we are doing everything to keep our children safe, on an hourly basis. We are also in the privileged position that the total number of learners in our school is less than most schools' matrics. We also feel that it is our calling and duty to provide quality education for our children to form a strong foundation for their further training. It is also a fact that interactive teaching in the classroom is the best way of learning and we are therefore looking forward to welcoming all learners possible back to school on Monday.

I share with you sentiments from a letter I received from the WCED Head of Education :

"... I want to express my heart-felt thanks and appreciation for the hundreds of principals and teachers that have done the right thing – that have ensured that the focus gets back to learning, while optimal safety measures are adhered to. I recognize how difficult this is, given our own anxieties and fears. I cannot express my pride enough in all those who, despite these challenges, are getting stuck in and putting the interests of learners first, as the Constitution of our country requires....."

"..... I again want to express my warm appreciation for helping parents, teachers and learners to have the facts and a positive mindset to deal with these great challenges. I ask that you all do everything possible to avoid transferring the anxieties of our adults onto our children. If we are not successful as an education system of principals and teachers in achieving this, our children might carry a burden for a long time. Thank you that I may bring these matters to you. Thank you for the work that you all do as a large and important system."

We are grateful to God for protecting and making provisions for us to continue schooling your children, please enjoy your weekend, stay safe and healthy.

Best regards

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MR AR BASSON
PRINCIPAL