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**HELDERBERG**  
HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Helderberg High School Parent, Guardians and Learners

I hope that everyone is still healthy and safe, you have been in our thoughts during this difficult time. The staff are missing each of the learners and we hope to see you again soon.

There is still a lot of uncertainty about when the learners will return to school, I do believe you are following the news as closely as the school is. Each day arises with the hope of certainty; however, change seems to be the only certainty we have to rely on at the moment. I am in regular, direct contact with Brian Schreuder who is the Head of Education in the Western Cape, however the dates provided to us may change yet again. Be assured that as soon as we have confirmed information, we will pass that on to you.

#### **MATRICS – 1 JUNE**

The intended date for the matrics to return to school is 1<sup>st</sup> June and we are looking forward to having them back at the school. Preparations are underway to ensure, despite us receiving no assistance from the government, that your child's safety and protection from the virus is our top priority. A letter to our matric parents will be sent during next week regarding specific safety requirements.

#### **BREAK – 25-29 MAY**

Our staff have been following the curriculum through various platforms to date, and we are proud to say that most learners have worked hard and submitted their tasks. The school has decided to reward the learners and the staff for their hard work with the week 25-29 May off from teaching and schooling. We believe that those who have worked hard deserve a week of good rest and those who did not work so faithfully can use this time to catch up, if necessary. After the week of rest, new work will continue online for the rest of the school and hopefully all the matrics will be joining us on the premises.

#### **EXAMS/ASSESSMENTS**

At present, we do not know how the curriculum will be adapted so we will continue with the current curriculum, noting that the assessment process and how it will be approached will need to be reconsidered and we await guidance from the Department.

Once clarity is obtained regarding the end of term 2 and the start of term 3, a report card, in an appropriate format, will be sent home for each learner. All online submissions are being reviewed and marked by the educators.

## **FINANCES**

Thank you to each of our parents who, despite your child not enjoying the presence of their school, has faithfully paid school fees, we salute you and express our appreciation to your commitment. We recognize that there are families without income and who are waiting to receive UIF money to feed their families. We share with you that our teachers, with effect end of May, will be taking a phase 1 cut in salary as a result of reduced income inflow.

I understand that you have a lot of questions, but please be patient, rest assured that we are doing the very best that we can for your child. As the process unfolds, we will hopefully have more answers and will inform you accordingly. I hope this gives a little more clarity and helps clear up some uncertainties.

Greetings and lots of love to everyone.

**AR BASSON**  
**PRINCIPAL**