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Dear Parents and Guardians

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

Grade 7s were welcomed back to school yesterday. What a privilege to have them back at school. We would like to ensure that we are following correct procedures as we need to do what is necessary to mitigate the risks that a possible incident could potentially pose to others while on the school property. Parents this is a serious appeal to all of you - please do not allow your children to interact with people outside of those they are allowed to see in terms of Level 3 lockdown regulations. They should not be visiting each other after school or over weekends, for any reason whatsoever. There should be no socializing in the local shopping centre or local park.

Covid-19 safety protocols are compulsory to ensure the safety of all. These vital lifestyle changes must be consistently adhered to by all, at home, at school, at work, at play – daily. If those around us break the rules, we are all at risk. We urge and appeal to all our parents and learners to please consistently wear masks, wash hands and maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times, not just at school but EVERYWHERE. Please adhere to lockdown regulations at all times.

Pretoria Preparatory School has consistently adhered to every rule and regulation, as we want to ensure the safety and well-being of all learners and staff whilst they are on school property, but we are merely one part of each family's daily routines. We cannot do this without you being active, daily role players.

Testing Covid-19 positive is nobody's fault. We need to stand by our community members and support them in any, and every way possible. One week this possible crisis may be some other family's crisis but next week it may be yours. We need to be there for each other and support one another.

Should one Covid-19 positive person be at school, after being infected, this would clearly place some of our staff and learners at potential, heightened risk. We want to protect our learners and staff.

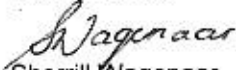
We will be directed by the relevant health officials should we become aware of a person having been tested positive with Covid-19 or having been in contact with someone who was tested positive with Covid-19. The process we will need to follow in the case of a suspected incident: We need to contact The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), the Department of Health and the relevant officials at the Department of Basic Education. We then have to follow all the protocols and be fully compliant in every regard.

A team of officials will be tasked with tracking and tracing to determine whether a single learner who was on site has placed any other learners or members of staff at risk during their limited contact with them. We would like to be totally transparent and disclose all we are allowed to disclose to our entire parent body - (no names may be given as the infected learners' rights to confidentiality are protected in law.) We firmly believe that an informed school community is better able to respond to possible false rumours and social media hype.

If you or your child should be at risk, the NICD team will be in direct contact with you to advise you regarding what steps will need to be taken. They have the right and responsibility to do the tracking and tracing of potentially at-risk individuals. If, for your own peace of mind, you wish to have your child or yourselves tested, please consult with your family doctor in this regard. Please closely monitor your immediate and your wider family. Check the daily screening signs and should there be any change in your health or should any of your family members have a temperature of 37.5°C or higher, immediately consult your family doctor.

We would encourage you to pose all health-related concerns and queries to the specialist team of staff at NICD and the Department of Health. They are best able to support and guide you if you are anxious or worried about your child and family. These are the contact details of the NICD team: The Corona Hotline is 0800 029 999.

Yours faithfully



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