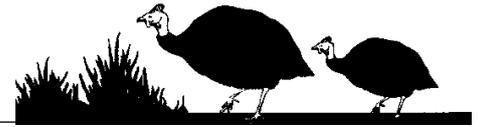


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16 March 2020

Dear parents, staff and pupils,

Update on School Procedures pertaining to Coronavirus

The President has announced that all schools are required to close on Wednesday, 18 March and may only reopen after the Easter weekend (Tuesday, 14 April). All schools are required by law to comply with this instruction and it is prudent to close The Cotswold from 18 March and contribute to preventing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

The school and all extra-murals will run as normal on Monday and Tuesday but will be closed on Wednesday. Parents have the right to keep their children at home from Monday should they feel it is in their family's best interests. The school will consider either bringing the school holidays forward to coincide with these dates or provide lessons via email to continue learning. Please anticipate changes to the school calendar during this period of crises.

This is an ever-changing situation and the school management will communicate with parents at least weekly during the closure (by email or text message) and provide you with any updates as and when we receive them. Please also communicate with us by email or text message as this is our preferred form of communication and allows the school to keep track of messages. If you do not use WhatsApp, please inform us so that we can arrange an alternative text message.

We understand the frustration and inconvenience this may cause, especially to parents. However, the pandemic is unprecedented and requires us to all work together to keep our communities safe. **Whilst children are at the smallest risk**, our grandparents and other loved ones who are in the risk categories deserve our patience and kindness to do everything in our power to keep them safe.

We will plan according to the information we receive and will take appropriate action for the school and communicate this to you. We ask all to remain calm and increase hygiene practices.

We pray that our children, families, staff and all South Africans remain healthy and safe during this pandemic.

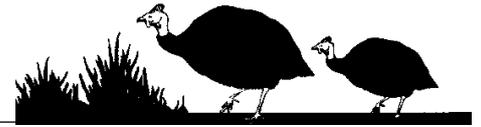
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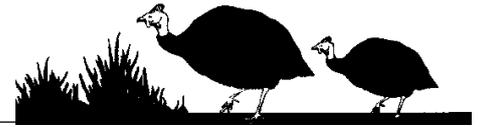
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IF YOU DISPLAY ANY SIGNS OF THE COVID19 VIRUS, DON'T GO TO YOUR DOCTOR/PHARMACIST/ NURSE AND INFECT THEM OR EVERYBODY IN THE PRACTICE. BY CALLING THE HOTLINE, SOMEONE WILL COME TO YOU TO HAVE YOU TESTED FOR THE VIRUS. SHARE WITH EVERYONE



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16 March 2020

Dear parents, staff and pupils,

Closure of The Cotswold

President Ramaphosa has declared all schools closed as from Wednesday 18 March 2020 in terms of the National Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002, to combat the Coronavirus (COVID – 19) pandemic.

After meetings between the Members and the Principal and in consultation with ISASA, SAMA and the Gauteng Department of Education, it has been decided to move our April holidays forward 3 weeks. Therefore, tomorrow will be the last day of school for the term. The whole school including Aftercare and Vacation care will close on Tuesday 17 March and will reopen on Tuesday 14 April 2020.

All extra mural activities will be suspended until the second term. School photographs have been postponed to 15 May 2020.

Should any circumstances change during this period, you will be kept updated via WhatsApp groups, emails and the school website. Contingency plans are being put in place should the closure extend beyond these dates. All communications regarding the Coronavirus pandemic can be found on the home page of the website.

We apologise for all the inconvenience this will cause and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Please feel free to contact Bev Hilder directly should there be any concerns or queries on: 082 708 1221.

Kind regards

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