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SHORT HOLIDAY

Now that schools are reopening and will likely not break until mid December, we are going to have a short holiday for two weeks to allow our teachers and learners to rest and reenergize. This period will allow us to make all preparations that will meet the requirements of COVID 19. The Online Lessons will end on Friday, 10 July and then continue from 28 July 2020.

Dear Parents

I hope you are all safe and strong in the 'new reality' where social or physical distancing is the most powerful weapon that we have currently against COVID 19 virus. Sadly, the current school model was not meant for social distancing, and we have to make painful adjustments that need your support.

We all need to keep on praying for a vaccine to be discovered before the end of the year, as promised by some international organisations. It is only then that school authorities will find peace. Otherwise, life in school as we all know it, will never be the same again.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT

We will be sending to you by email the Academic Progress Report for your child on 10 July 2020. The report is based on tests written from May to July 2020.



REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Schools are expected to reopen for the exam writing classes (Forms 4 and 6) on Tuesday, 28 July 2020. There will be a staggered return of the other Forms and you will be advised accordingly. This implies that Online Distance Teaching and Learning will continue for the rest of the Forms. The pandemic has had a negative effect on our school finances and we, therefore, expect all fees payments to be complete before 28 July 2020.



Reports from all over the world show that some parents have reservations about sending children back to school. If you are in such a position, please inform us of your decision

GOLDRIDGE SCHOOLS HOSTELS

The health guideline on the reopening of schools in the era of COVID 19 pandemic demands the need for physical distancing. In order to be compliant with the guidelines, we need to depopulate our hostels. Sadly, we do not have extra space to do that. We therefore need parents to understand and support our decision on this matter. We are kindly requesting all parents and guardians who are from Kwekwe or who have relatives in Kwekwe to allow their children to attend school in the third term as day scholars. This will allow those from outside Kwekwe to be accommodated at the hostels. In these uncertain times, the health of all children is of paramount importance. The situation will then be reviewed in the year 2021. These are circumstances beyond our control and need cooperation from all concerned. Our sincere apologies.



GOLDRIDGE COLLEGE REOPENING PLAN

As we prepare for the reopening of the school, we have produced a document that you will find attached, providing the details on how the school will run and try by all means to make the environment safe. We would greatly appreciate it if you went through it and gave your own input. You will also find attached, a draft indemnity form that every parent will be expected to sign before a child attends school when we re-open. We certainly need to work together. We will invite the School Development Committee for a meeting to discuss the reopening plan. The pandemic has been a time of uncertainty and anxiety for all of us and our children. It is therefore important to take time and care for our mental health.

Thank you. God bless you.

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