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Reaching Heights through Inclusive Education

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Dear Parents,

RE: COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As stated in the Government Gazette, Vol 662, No 43578 dated 02 August 2020 – regarding school attendance:

1. School Attendance

- 1.1. (1) A parent, caregiver or a designated family member may choose not to send a learner to school for reasons that may include –
- a. Any medical condition of the learner, including comorbidities;
 - b. Anxiety and fear related to COVID-19, concern for family members that are over the age of 60 or concern for family members with comorbidities;
 - c. A preference for the learner receiving learning and teaching instruction through the online or virtual platforms provided by an independent institution which is not related to the school that the child is registered at;
 - d. A preference for the learner receiving learning and teaching instruction through the online or virtual platforms provided by the school; or
 - e. An application for home education and de-registration of a learner from the school.
- (2)
- a. A parent, caregiver or a designated family member who chooses not to send a learner to school for any of the reasons contemplated in sub-direction (1) (a), (c) or (c) must apply, through the school that the learner attends, in terms of section 4 of the South African Schools Act, to the Head of Department, or a person duly authorized by him or her, for the full or partial exemption of a learner from compulsory school attendance for the duration of national state of disaster.
 - b. The application contemplated in paragraph (a) –
 - i. must be on a form stating the reasons for the application for exemption, which should include evidence of a medical condition, in instances where the reason relates to a medical condition or comorbidity;
 - ii. must be accompanied by a form declaring the commitment for taking responsibility for the learner's continued learning at home, which outlines the conditions that need to be adhered to by the parent, caregiver or a designate family member; and
 - iii. may be subject to conditions.

- c. The Head of Department, or a person duly authorized by him or her, must make arrangements with the schools, to ensure that the school consults with parents, caregivers or designated family members to receive the learning material for learners who are granted full or partial exemption from attending school, to ensure that continued learning takes place.
 - d. A parent, caregiver or a designated family member who chooses not to send a learner to school must ensure that teaching and learning materials are collected or accessed, as per arrangement with the school, to ensure that continued learning takes place.
3. A parent, caregiver or a designated family member who chooses not to send a learner to school for the reason contemplated in sub-direction (1) (d), is not required to apply for exemption from compulsory school attendance.
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 - a. A parent, caregiver or a designated family member who chooses to de-register their child from the school and apply for a learner to be enrolled for home education, as contemplated in sub-direction (1) (e), must comply with the legal requirements for the provision of home education, as contemplated in section 51 of the South African Schools Act.
 - b. A learner who is de-registered from a school will have to reapply for admission and adhere to the admission requirements if they wish to return to a public school.

- o If the learner is exempted to attend school by the HOD, all work issued to the learner must be completed and submitted to school. Parents will be responsible for collecting and dropping off work allocated to learners.

Please make necessary arrangements with class educator to drop off work and collect new work on Monday mornings.

The Principal cannot exempt any learner from not attending school. The Principal does not have the authority to grant permission for such requests made.

- o Should a parent wish to apply for a learner to receive education at the learner's home (home education), he or she must comply with the legal requirements for the provision of home education, as contemplated in section 51 of the South African School Act.
- o The parent must ensure that, if home schooling is opted for, the Homeschooling Institute is fully registered and compliant according to the South African Schools Act.

KZN Circular No 49 of 2020:

Addressing the Management of School Attendance of learners with comorbidities as follows:

2. Identification of learners with comorbidities:

- 2.1. It is the responsibility of a parent of a learner with comorbidities to notify the Principal about the pre-existence of underlying medical condition/s of his or her child.
 - a. The Principal will issue out a relevant form to the parent who intends to apply for exemption from school attendance due to the learner having pre-existing underlying medical conditions.
 - b. Once the form has been completed, it must be returned to school with evidence from a medical practitioner indicating the existence of comorbidities.
 - c. The application form will then be forwarded by the Principal to the Head of Department for consideration.
 - d. The Head of Department will communicate the outcome of the application for exemption from school attendance to the school Principal.

3. Continued duration of a Learner who has been exempted from school attendance:

- 3.1. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the learner receives the necessary learning material and that the learner completes all the schoolwork as expected.
- 3.2. The parent must ensure that all submissions to school are up to date. Arrangements must be made with educator to collect and drop off completed work.

4. **SCHOOL FEES:**

School fees are a statutory obligation which a learner's parents must fulfill in terms of the provisions of section 40(1) of the South African Schools Act.

Parents will only be exempted from school fees if the learner is de-registered from the school. Parents will be liable for payment of school fees up until the date of de-registration of the learner.

5. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Parents, please also take note that the following rules will apply:

NB: School gates open at 07:00. There is only **ONE** entry and exit point. No mask, no entry.

- Social distancing - parents of learners not adhering to the social distancing rules will be informed to collect their child from school;
- ONLY learners may enter school premises;
- NO unauthorized person will be allowed onto the premises without prior arrangements or permission from the Principal;
- Entrance ONLY by appointment;
- Parent to notify school regarding learners not returning to school due to co-morbidities –
 - Please supply a full medical report
 - Complete official documentation at school office;
- Parents must ensure that the learner is healthy before sending them back to school;
- Parents must also inform school immediately if any learner/parent/guardian/etc. has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus;
- Parents who wish to keep learners at home need to seek enrollment at a registered homeschool.
- The school bus is fully operational. Please ensure learners are dropped off and picked up on time.

Parents must also familiarize their children regarding the following terminology as it is captured daily on our data system:


Fever, dry cough, body aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea / vomiting / nausea, sore throat, loss of taste, shortness of breath

Learners must have the following:

- Small sanitizer
- Tuck shop is closed
- Packed lunch with bottle of water / juice

The Aftercare will be open – please ensure that you as parent make the necessary arrangements.

Regards,



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