

15 January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

CURRO SCHOOLS – GOVERNMENT’S ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY: EDUCATIONAL OFFERING

As announced today by the Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Dr Makgabo Reginah Mhaule, we understand that we have a choice whether or not to continue with face-to-face schooling at our campuses. We noted that the message was not clear in terms of independent schools, but we will continue with our educational offering and remain open until Government’s announcement is formally Gazetted. Throughout the pandemic, Curro has complied with legislation and prioritised concern for the health of our learners and staff who remain our utmost priority in terms of its internal strict SOPs.

The pleasingly high learner attendance levels (90%+) at all of our schools across the country since 13 January 2021 are a clear indication of the confidence shown by parents and families in Curro’s priority and ability to safeguard the health of all stakeholders at their schools.

Curro has a proven track record of a successful hybrid and remote learning model, ensuring that quality learning will continue for all Curro learners. Remote learning will continue uninterrupted, across all phases for the foreseeable future. Within this context we have decided that **learning will continue at all our campuses, with ALL staff reporting for duty as per normal.**

As concerned, responsible citizens we view it as our duty to assist Government with this contribution to managing the second wave and to support the view of the Government.

Communication between you and your campus is most important as we continue to battle Covid-19 and keep our staff and learners safe.

The document below will outline practical arrangements for our school and will assist you to manage remote learning effectively with your child / children. We want to ensure that no child gets left behind and that we proceed with the timeous and comprehensive delivery of our curriculum. Thorough preparation underpins the quality of our educational offering to reassure parents that we will meet curriculum milestones, thereby avoiding issues with the continued payment of school fees throughout the year.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact details for the purposes of delivering the remote learning material by whichever means you are using – this will ensure that you and your child remain up to date with the learning.

The practical implications are outlined overleaf.

ARRANGEMENTS: PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.	Grade R to 7 learners will follow a normal school-based learning day (on campus) as per our start on 13 January 2021.
2.	All extramural activities are cancelled until further notice. Specific arrangements in terms of online activities to be communicated in due course.
3.	Attendance at all classes will be mandatory unless written notice is provided to the Head of Primary School, Ms Olivia van Heerden at olivia.v@curro.co.za
4.	Current remote learners must email their teachers or contact them via Teams if they are experiencing any difficulties, to ensure that they receive timeous assistance.
5.	To ensure continuity of learning, remote learners must make sure that all workbooks and textbooks are at home.
6.	Aftercare remains open.

ARRANGEMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL

1.	<p>Grade 8 and 12 learners will continue school-based learning (on campus) until further notice.</p> <p>Grade 8 and 12 learners who are currently remote learning due to comorbidities will continue as normal.</p> <p>Grade 9, 10 and 11 learners will be learning remotely from 18 to 22 January 2021, with a view to having all these learners back on campus on 25 January 2021.</p>
2.	<p>All school-based and remote learners will start their school day at 08h00.</p> <p>Remote learners must log into their Teams guardian classes at 08h00.</p>
3.	<p>Grade 8 to 12 learners to follow the timetable as received this week.</p> <p>Remote learners to log into respective subjects at allocated times – please refer to Teams for daily time schedule updates.</p>

4.	Subject assessment plans and assessment platform to be communicated in due course.
5.	All extramural activities are cancelled until further notice as stipulated in the last sport letter of 14 January 2021. Specific arrangements in terms of online activities to be communicated in due course.
6.	Attendance at all classes will be mandatory unless written notice is provided to the class guardian teacher or to the Head of High School, Mr Riaan Stroebel at riaan.s@curro.co.za
7.	Laptops and cell phones are to be fully charged each morning, ready for the day's classes. If learners experience difficulty during the day, admin and IT staff can be contacted for assistance, alternatively contact: servicedesk@curro.co.za or 087 285 1699.
8.	Learners must email their teachers or contact them via Teams if they are experiencing any difficulties, to ensure that they receive timeous assistance
9.	To ensure continuity of learning, remote learners must make sure that all workbooks and textbooks are at home.

KEY COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS DURING THIS TIME

Ideally, we would like to have all learners back at school on 25 January 2021, but await further clarification from the Government in terms of independent schools.

We realise that today's announcement will have a profound effect on all within the Curro family and want you to know that, at all times, we remain committed to the wellbeing of our learners balanced with a strong wish to maintain their educational progress so that they can take their place in the future of southern Africa; we look forward walking with you, their parents, on this path.

Kind regards



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