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Dear parents

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## Contingency plans for possible Covid-19 scenarios

The Board of Governors and members of the School Management Team met this morning to discuss possible scenarios, regarding the Covid-19 virus and what action we can take. Please bear in mind that we are all working on and planning for the unknown. It is for all of us the first time that we are trying to plan for such an unpredictable situation.

We identified two points, which needed to be addressed. Firstly, the possibility that the school remains closed after the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and secondly, precautions which might be deemed necessary, upon our return as scheduled.

If the school must remain closed for part of or the whole second term, we are preparing, according to phases, appropriate work and exploring ways of communicating this to the pupils. Our IT expert, Mr Alex Zindove will be meeting with our external IT advisors tomorrow, to advise our teachers as to which programmes will best serve their needs. Remember our school ranges from 3 to 18-year olds, and one approach fits all, will not be effective. We also need to bear in mind that not every home has access to uncapped Wi-Fi. If we should have to close for part of or the whole second term, we would forfeit the mid-year holidays, to make up lost teaching time.

If we return as planned, we will put the following measures in place: We are purchasing (availability might be an immediate challenge) the more sophisticated thermometers, which are used to measure body temperature, without touching the body. They will be used for screening all pupils, staff, parents, etc who enter the school gate. We will screen pupils again at break and straight after school. Any pupil/s with raised body temperatures will be isolated until they can be fetched by their parents or caregivers. We will also disinfect all entering the school and have disinfectant in all classrooms and bathrooms. Social distancing practices will be taught, and classrooms will be set up according to this. Our school is already being cleaned thoroughly with strong disinfectant and remains one of the cleanest schools that I have had the privilege in which to work.

Our pupils have only two working days less than we expected for term one, as the rest of the period falls into our scheduled holiday period. Most teachers set work for the children for these two days, anyway. Please encourage your child/ren to approach this work with the correct attitude and work ethic. Working effectively independently is the "new normal" if schools should be closed for an extended period.

Kind Regards

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