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COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR LEARNERS

1. Learners may start arriving at school from 07:00. School will start at 07:25 as usual.
2. **ALL LEARNERS TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ALREADY WEARING A MASK.** No learner will be allowed onto the school premises without a face mask in accordance with International Best Practice, which is droplet precaution to curb the possible transmission of the virus. Learners' PPE's will be distributed in their register classes during register period on their first day back at school.
3. Learners may only enter the school through the entrance in Erasmus Street.
4. As learners exit their transport, they go and stand on the marks which has been made 1.5m apart. Learners must stand in the queue for their register class which will be communicated to them before their arrival and will also be indicated on the fence. Gr 7M, 7Y & 7R will be to the left at station 1, and Gr 7P, 7R & 7K to the right at station 2.
5. Parents/transport providers are required to wait in their vehicles until their child(ren) have passed screening and have entered the school premises. Learners who do not pass screening will be escorted back to the vehicles they came to school in.
6. Learners will be screened three times a day: in the morning as they arrive, before they go out for break, and before they leave to go home. Their temperatures will be recorded each time it is measured.
 - a. **SCREENING PROCEDURE EVERY MORNING:**
 - i. Learners line up in their class groups on the demarcated social distancing mark on the pavement along the fence
 - ii. Teachers on duty will call individual learners and sanitise their hands and take their temperature.
 - iii. Learners with temperatures higher than 38°C will be directed to a designated cool-off area where they will sit for 10 minutes before their temperature will be measured again.

- iv. Learners move on to station 1 or 2 for screening. Learners must give their names to the teacher on duty. Screening questions will be asked:
 - 1. Do you have any of the following symptoms? Learners must answer YES/NO
 - a. Coughing
 - b. Shortness of breath
 - c. Nausea
 - d. Body aches
 - e. Loss of smell and/or taste
 - f. Vomiting
 - g. Fatigue or weakness
 - h. Diarrhoea
 - v. Learners with temperatures higher than 38°C or any other two symptoms present will be directly referred to Silverton Clinic for further testing and will need to provide negative test results before they will be allowed back onto the school premises.
 - vi. Learners who make use of transport to school will be isolated in a designated area and their parents will immediately be contacted. The parents of the learners who take transport with them will also be contacted. These learners will receive a referral form indicating their temperature and presenting symptoms which they must take to Silverton Clinic for further testing. Their parents will be asked to collect them from school immediately.
 - vii. Learners with normal temperatures and no presenting symptoms will enter the school and go directly to their classrooms where their register teachers will be waiting.
- b. SCREENING PROCEDURE BEFORE BREAK:
- i. A member of the SMT will come to each class and measure each learner's temperature. These temperatures will be recorded.
 - ii. Learners with temperatures higher than 38°C will be isolated in a designated isolation area. Only these learners will be screened for common symptoms again.
 - iii. Their parents will be required to collect them immediately and take them to Silverton Clinic for further testing. Proof of a negative test result will need to be presented before that learner will be allowed back onto the school premises.

c. SCREENING BEFORE GOING HOME:

- i. A member of the SMT will come to each class and measure each learner's temperature. These temperatures will be recorded.
 - ii. No screening tools will be completed at this time.
 - iii. Parents of learners with a temperature higher than 38°C will be informed via phone call about their child's elevated temperature.
7. Learners will stay in the same class for the entire day. Teachers will rotate.
 8. Learners will be given a seat in their class for the remainder of the time this protocol is to be followed. Their desks, chairs and stationery will be sanitised every time they come back to the class after leaving it. Stationery may not be shared.
 9. During breaks learners have to keep at least 1.5m apart. Learners will not be allowed to form groups. No physical contact will be allowed. No sharing of food or drinks will be allowed. Learners may not drink water directly from a tap and must use their own water bottles.
 10. Water bottles may only be filled at a designated water point during breaks.
 11. No ball games will be allowed during breaks.
 12. No more than one learner may leave the class at a time to visit the bathrooms.
 13. No more than four learners will be allowed into the bathrooms at a time. Bathroom attendants will be present at the bathrooms for the entire day and will sanitise each learner's hand before and after visiting the bathrooms. No learner may leave the class without a bathroom permission card.
 14. At the end of the day learners will leave class by class to facilitate proper social distance and prevent crowding at the gates.
 15. Learners are required to go straight home and may not loiter outside the school after 13:45-14:30. No learners will be allowed on the school grounds after 14:00 under any circumstances.

UNIFORM TO BE WORN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- a. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Regular school uniform.
- b. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Empie shirts, blue jeans, sneakers and school jackets. NO other home clothes will be allowed. NO other shoes will be allowed (i.e. slippers etc.) NO makeup or jewellery other than what is usually permitted may be worn on these days.