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Dear Parent / Guardian

SPECIAL CIRCULAR : CORONAVIRUS(COVID19)

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Cordial greetings to you. Please be informed of the following:

The STATE PRESIDENT of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa has given a directive for all schools to close from 18 March 2020 until after the Easter weekend as a measure to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. He also indicated that the June / July vacation will be shortened to compensate for time lost during this early closure.

We fully understand your concerns and anxiety as the learners are in the midst of writing the March Controlled Tests. The tests which cannot be completed will be re-scheduled in the new term.

Every effort has been made, in spite of the short notice, to provide learners with study material for the duration of this closure. This study material will be posted on the School's Website (www.whss.co.za) and on the D6 COMMUNICATOR. Please ensure that your child / ward is constructively engaged with the work given. Learners can prepare all their oral presentations, read their setworks, and attempt past year papers. Some educators have set up "Whatsapp Chat Groups" with their learners and will post work and communicate on this platform.

The work given must be completed and brought to school on the 14 April 2020.

Learners can also engage with the variety of teaching and learning sites online as indicated below:

1. Google the "Thutong" website of the Department of Education: www.thutong.doe.gov.za All grade 12 past year papers are on this website. Practicing to answer past year exam papers is the best form of preparations for examinations.
2. Mindset : www.learn.mindset.africa – videos are available on YOU TUBE (mindset – you tube) where most subjects are taught via an eLearning portal.
3. Vodacom e-school is a supplementary online platform that provides educational material for revision and self study for grades 8-12. It is accessible via smartphones, tablets and computers is FREE for Vodacom customers. There are tutorials, assessment tests and video content to cover the various subject content.

Visit vodacom.co.za/e-school

Register on : vodacom.mytopdog.co.za/users/register.

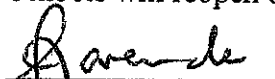
As part of our COMPULSORY READING PROGRAMME last Wednesday learners were appraised of the precautionary measures that need to be taken to prevent the spread of the Corona virus. A two paged pamphlet was given to the learner to take home and paste in the Communication Book.

You are reminded of the following precautionary measures that need to be taken to stem the spread of the virus:



1. Keep your child/ward confined to the house as far as possible
2. They must practice good hygiene – avoid touching your face, nose, eyes or mouth without first washing your hands.
3. They must avoid contact with infected persons
4. They must wash their hands regularly
5. They must take precautions when coughing or sneezing.
6. Should you or your child present any flu-like symptoms, nausea, sore throat, body aches or difficulty breathing you must consult your doctor or clinic immediately.

On returning to school on the 14 April 2020 it will be compulsory for parents / guardians to inform the school if the child / ward had contacted any infectious disease or if they came into contact with any infected persons. The school must also be informed if the learner or family members travelled abroad

Schools will reopen on Tuesday 14 April 2020 and it will be day 1 of the timetable.



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NB: The SGB By-Election scheduled for Wednesday, 18 March 2020 will be postponed to Term 2. The dates and times will be announced.