
16 March 2020

OFFICIAL COVID-19 COMMUNICATION FROM BASA SCHOOLS.

Dear Parents

Our first priority... Keeping our families safe!

President Cyril Ramaphosa has declared a national state of disaster in an emergency address on Sunday night. He has announced sweeping measures to contain the spread of Covid-19, including travel bans, a ban on mass gatherings of more than 100 people and the closure of schools.

This will be a very challenging time for all of us. Resourcefulness and courage will be needed as we work together to address the challenges that face us. We welcome school closure as an important proactive step to keep our precious children and families safe during this difficult time.

BASA Schools will close at 12H00 on Wednesday, the 18th March 2020. We urge parents who can do so to keep their children at home with immediate effect. For children who do attend school today and tomorrow, heightened hygiene practices remain in place.

BASA Schools will provisionally reopen on the 14th April 2020, after the Easter weekend. This equates to a total of 10 lost school days. If schools reopen as planned, BASA Schools will make up for lost time during other scheduled school holidays. You can expect changes to our calendar during the remainder of the year.

Should school closure extend beyond the 14th April, we will update parents accordingly. For now, please note that school fees remain payable as per your normal arrangement with the school.

Please note that should anyone in your family have travelled to affected areas, or shown symptoms within the last 14 days, seek assistance from the Coronavirus Hotline: **0800 029 999**. For additional information and support, WhatsApp the word "hi" to **060 012 3456**. This is the official SA Government COVID-19 support service update.

Please remember to do the following:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water and dry them with a paper towel.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue and throw it away
- Avoid close contact with others

Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

A cough, a fever, shortness of breath. These symptoms do not necessarily mean that you have COVID-19. It is very unlikely to be COVID-19 if you have not been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case and if you have not been outside of the country or in a high-risk area in the last 14 days.

We wish all of our children and their families a safe break and great hope during this time