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Dear Parent/Guardian

THE WAY FORWARD

Firstly, a big thank you for entrusting us with the task of continuing to nurture a love for learning within your child – even in this challenging time.

First things first, due to the long period of non-academics before we started with online learning on Wednesday, 15 April 2020, we will treat both **public holidays** next week (Monday, 27 April and Friday, 1 May 2020) as normal school days.

Unfortunately, Mr Ramaphosa did not yet give us the green light last night to reopen the school.

The reality is, what we have considered as 'normal' for many years, will probably never be 'normal' ever again. We have been very fortunate with the **low number of COVID-19 cases** in the Northern Cape until now. Having said that, some parents may wish to continue keeping their children at home for a longer period than recommended by the President.

St Patrick's CBC herewith commits to **continue offering an online learning alternative** until at least end of August 2020, and will be willing to extend it if the need arises. Pupils/parents opting to continue making use of this alternative will not be disadvantaged in any way.

We will be hosting online Phase-specific **Parent meetings** next week. The way forward will be discussed in more detail at these meetings. More information will soon be communicated.

We are in this together, and we will get through this together.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacques Tredoux'.

Jacques Tredoux
EXECUTIVE HEAD