

# St Patrick's CBC

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL

The Minister of Basic Education announced on Tuesday, 19 May 2020, that pupils may return to school as from Monday, 1 June 2020. This was confirmed by President Ramaphosa in his speech earlier tonight. Following this announcement, St Patrick's CBC is about to enter Stages 5 and 6 of the School Reopening Plan as previously detailed on 26 April 2020.



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## Stages of reopening following the National Lockdown

### STAGE 8

This stage will apply once we know that the epidemic is officially over. All sport, cultural and other events will now be able to commence, if it has not yet commenced at stage 7.

### STAGE 7

This stage will only apply once the epidemic is classified as a non-risk. This stage will fall in line with Level 1 ('all-clear') of the President's 5 Phase-Coronavirus plan, as announced in his speech on Thursday, 23 April 2020. At this point, St Patrick's CBC will end online teaching. Sports/cultural events and other events that are deemed safe by the Executive Head and in line with the President's orders will once again be allowed at school.

### STAGE 6

St Patrick's CBC will gradually allow the grades that are not back at school yet, to return to school. Again, this will take place as and when approved by the Minister of Basic Education and as advised by ISASA. Online learning and face-to-face classes will continue to run concurrently. All sports/cultural events and other events that create crowded conditions will not take place.

### STAGE 5

St Patrick's CBC will reopen its doors for face-to-face learning for the grades as approved by the Minister of Basic Education and as advised by ISASA. Online learning and face-to-face classes will run concurrently. As mentioned before, online learning will continue until at least the end of August 2020. All sports and cultural events/gatherings and other events that create crowded conditions will not take place. Assemblies will be done online. Aftercare will reopen for the relevant grades. For the grades who are back at school, Physical Education will start with a programme that supports social distancing. The Physical Education lessons for home-based learners will still be published electronically.

### STAGE 4

Once we have more clarity on the way forward, we will communicate with you in terms of the exact day we will start, which grades will be allowed to return to school first, and how we will gradually phase in the other grades. This process will be strictly prescribed by the President.

### STAGE 3

Minister of Basic Education will provide schools with clear guidance on how schools should reopen once the President has given permission to do so. We will only be allowed to start with a couple of grades in the beginning and gradually phase in the other grades. We will only know which grades will be allowed to return first and how the phasing-in of the other grades will work once the Minister has provided us with more clarity.

### STAGE 2

President Ramaphosa gives schools permission to reopen after lockdown.

### STAGE 1

We have launched our online learning programme and we will continue offering an online learning alternative until the end of August 2020 (and longer if needed). We are currently waiting for President Ramaphosa to give schools permission to reopen for face-to-face learning.



\* The stages as explained above may be realigned by the Executive Head after consultation with the Board of Governors and guidance by policies or procedures provided by the President, the Minister of Basic Education, Minister of Health and ISASA.



## SURVEY

We are delighted that the school family is allowed to return to the school campus, however, welcoming all staff and pupils back to school requires extensive planning and preparations.

Due to spacial distancing requirements, we need to know exactly how many pupils will return to school from the beginning, or only at later stage. This information has a direct impact on every aspect of the school's operations.

We have circulated links to grade-specific surveys requiring you to indicate when your child will be returning to school. **It is compulsory to complete this survey.** Especially during the first month, whilst we are implementing many new procedures, only pupils who indicated that they would return to campus will be permitted to do so.

**Your child will be expected, and accommodated for at school, from the date you indicated on the survey,** i.e. pupils who specified that they would return in July will only be permitted to return to campus in July. However, should you wish to change the return date, please notify Ms Seaward (nseaward@stpatricks.co.za) at least 48 hours prior to your child returning.

If you have not yet submitted the survey, or wish to alter the date previously indicated for your child's return, please click on the relevant link below to complete the survey as a matter of urgency. All surveys should please be submitted by Monday, 25 May 2020 at 16h00.

Grade	Survey Link
ECD	<a href="https://forms.gle/VsbjuDEPvg7z3WTF8">https://forms.gle/VsbjuDEPvg7z3WTF8</a>
Grade PR	<a href="https://forms.gle/Rhnr1T15uNcLJGp8">https://forms.gle/Rhnr1T15uNcLJGp8</a>
Grade R	<a href="https://forms.gle/QjY1VyLBnrDSUW1J9">https://forms.gle/QjY1VyLBnrDSUW1J9</a>
Grade 1	<a href="https://forms.gle/oZcnytPT5NovmZCN9">https://forms.gle/oZcnytPT5NovmZCN9</a>
Grade 2	<a href="https://forms.gle/Kc3xHnExb8cEf5H86">https://forms.gle/Kc3xHnExb8cEf5H86</a>
Grade 3	<a href="https://forms.gle/992CY1tqdknucsnu6">https://forms.gle/992CY1tqdknucsnu6</a>
Grade 4	<a href="https://forms.gle/G1tE78MgEba4g6i98">https://forms.gle/G1tE78MgEba4g6i98</a>
Grade 5	<a href="https://forms.gle/vKniwgQozHXNXqDB7">https://forms.gle/vKniwgQozHXNXqDB7</a>
Grade 6	<a href="https://forms.gle/qb5yhuDxRVBYjz7s8">https://forms.gle/qb5yhuDxRVBYjz7s8</a>
Grade 7	<a href="https://forms.gle/tSdqpiStmj9XvFao6">https://forms.gle/tSdqpiStmj9XvFao6</a>
Grade 8	<a href="https://forms.gle/gqBxBxSMs9wUbBAA8">https://forms.gle/gqBxBxSMs9wUbBAA8</a>
Grade 9	<a href="https://forms.gle/Rw5YgfBNrWtL9KMJ6">https://forms.gle/Rw5YgfBNrWtL9KMJ6</a>
Grade 10	<a href="https://forms.gle/KStz27iMiMvJTdVZA">https://forms.gle/KStz27iMiMvJTdVZA</a>
Grade 11	<a href="https://forms.gle/a6u48zsmPUywLzD58">https://forms.gle/a6u48zsmPUywLzD58</a>
Grade 12	<a href="https://forms.gle/JNeiXHMdDxt8Yadz6">https://forms.gle/JNeiXHMdDxt8Yadz6</a>

## DRESS CODE/UNIFORM

In an attempt to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 at school, pupils returning to campus will not be allowed to wear the St Patrick's CBC school uniform for the duration of winter. This decision will be re-assessed in September. This will enable us to confirm that pupils are wearing fresh clothing every day, as it is impractical to wash school blazers, jerseys, etc. on a daily basis.

Pupils should, therefore, wear **civvies** to school. Please be reminded that civvies must be **school-appropriate**. Pupils are to avoid dresses/skirts/shorts which are too short, necklines which are too low and pants which hang too low or are too tight.

If, in the opinion of the Head of School and/or the Executive Head, the outfit is inappropriate, the pupil will be requested to rectify the problem immediately.

As per Government regulations, pupils should please wear **closed shoes** at all times.

Even though hair salons are not permitted to operate as of yet, pupils should wear their **hair neat** and out of their eyes at all times.

A **fabric face mask** with the CBC logo, as pictured below, will be a compulsory uniform item for staff and pupils when on the school campus. Each pupil will receive one branded mask free of charge. Additional masks can be purchased at the Uniform shop at a cost of R30 per mask.



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## ALL ABOUT THE FACE MASK

**WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER AND WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER**

### KEY FEATURES

- As prescribed by the Department of Health
- To be worn by all persons when on Campus
- Triple layered, breathable soft fabric for a comfortable fit
- Elastized straps to fit all head sizes
- Branded to show our pride in St Patrick's CBC & our strive to be a positive change in the world

### THE CORRECT WAY TO WEAR YOUR MASK

- Always wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer before putting on your face mask
- Bring the mask to your nose level and pull the top strap over your head so that it rests over the crown of your head. Pull the bottom strap over your head so that it rests at the nape of your neck.
- For added personal hygiene, insert a breathable piece of paper towel or tissue between your mask and your mouth
- Avoid touching the mask while wearing it. If you do, immediately wash/sanitize your hands!

### THE CORRECT WAY TO REMOVE YOUR MASK

- Always wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer before removing your face mask
- Avoid touching the front of the mask as the front of the mask is contaminated
- Lift the bottom strap over your head first then pull the top strap over your head
- Wash your mask with disinfectant after each use
- If you are not immediately washing the mask, place the mask in a washable plastic container, avoiding contact with other clothing items
- Always wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer once you have removed your face mask

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## ADMIN OFFICE

The Admin office, Finance office and Uniform shop will reopen on Thursday, 28 May 2020. For next week, the office hours will be from 08h00 until 15h00.

## ONLINE LEARNING

As previously communicated, St Patrick's CBC commits to continue offering an online learning alternative until at least the end of August 2020, and will be willing to extend this offering should the need arise.

## RETURN DATES

**Please note, all grades will not be allowed to return on Monday, 1 June 2020.** Grades R, 7 and 12 will commence on that Monday. The schedule for all other grades will be communicated on Monday, 25 May 2020.

Online learning will run concurrently with live classroom teaching. All sporting and cultural events, and other gatherings that create crowded conditions, will not be allowed in terms of Government restrictions.

In addition, Aftercare will reopen for the relevant grades.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEST WEEK

At this point, it is important that we obtain a better understanding of the current level and academic progress of the High School pupils. For this reason, a **Test Week** is scheduled for all Grade 8 – 11 pupils from 1-5 June 2020. This will be discussed in more detail at this week's Parent meeting, and a letter explaining it in more detail, will be published this week.

## PARENT MEETINGS

Grade-specific online Parent Meetings will be held this week. For more information, please see the 'Dates to diarise' below. The meeting invites will be published via the WhatsApp groups on the day of the meeting.

## DATES TO DIARISE

- Mon, 25 May at 19h00 ECD Parent Meeting
- Tue, 26 May at 19h00 High School Parent Meeting
- Wed, 27 May at 19h00 Mr Tredoux on Radio Teemaneng
- Thurs, 28 May at 18h00 Weekly Prayer Meeting
- Thurs, 28 May at 19h00 Primary School (Grade PR-7) Parent Meeting

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

Yours sincerely



**Jacques Tredoux**  
EXECUTIVE HEAD