

St Patrick's CBC

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Dear Parent/Guardian

COVID-19 INCIDENT

We are sad to inform you that one of our family members has tested positive for COVID-19.

We were notified on Friday (31 July 2020) that a Grade R pupil started displaying symptoms earlier this week. The pupil was subsequently tested and the parents received the test results yesterday (31 July 2020). The pupil has not been at school since Monday, 27 July 2020. The results have already been reported to both the Department of Health and the Department of Basic Education.

After consultation with the Department of Health, the following steps will be taken:

1. All Grade RTB staff, pupils and their siblings will remain in quarantine for the coming week. Pupils may return to school on Tuesday, 11 August 2020 (after the public holiday).
2. The rest of the Grade R classes are not affected by this arrangement.
3. All preventative measures and sanitization processes have been carefully adhered to, but as a precautionary measure, the classroom and bathroom facilities will still be disinfected by an external service provider later today.
4. According to the Department of Health, the likelihood of transmission in this instance is very low as the specific pupil has not been at school in 5 days and all safety measures were strictly adhered to.
5. In the meantime, we will continue to screen all individuals entering our school campus, and are also monitoring all school family members for symptoms.

With the rise in COVID-19 cases in the Northern Cape, it is possible that we could have more cases in the future. Parents are asked to be vigilant and monitor their child(ren) for any COVID-19 symptoms. Your continuous support and co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated. We rely on the honesty and integrity of you as parents to inform us if you suspect that you or your child might be sick.

Please note that each situation is unique and that suitable actions will be taken accordingly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the pupil who tested positive. To all of our CBC family members affected by this virus in some or other way, please know that you are not alone. You are welcome to contact me (0828787004 or jtredoux@stpatricks.co.za) or the Support Department (mzwiegers@stpatricks.co.za) at any time.

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

Yours sincerely

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