

# St Patrick's CBC

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## COVID-19 INCIDENT: HIGH SCHOOL

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

We were notified this evening that a Grade 9 pupil started displaying symptoms over the weekend. The pupil was subsequently tested and the parents received the test results today (19 August 2020). The pupil has not been at school since Thursday, 13 August 2020. The Department of Health was informed, and the results will also be reported to the Department of Basic Education on Thursday, 20 August 2020.

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

1. All High School staff and pupils should remain in quarantine for the remainder of the week (Thursday and Friday). Pupils may return to school on Monday, 24 August 2020.
2. The Grade 12 prelim exam session scheduled for Friday, 21 August 2020 will be postponed. Details will be communicated on Thursday, 20 August 2020.
3. The rest of the school (Age 1-2 up to Grade 7) are not affected by this arrangement.
4. 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 on Thursday, 20 August 2020.
5. The likelihood of transmission in this instance is very low as the specific pupil has not been at school in 6 days and all safety measures were strictly adhered to.
6. 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. Please remain vigilant and monitor your 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.

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

Yours sincerely

**Jacques Tredoux**  
EXECUTIVE HEAD