



16 March 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

On Sunday, 15 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation on measures to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. One of the announced measures was to close the schools from Wednesday, 18 March 2020 until after the Easter Weekend, Tuesday, 14 April 2020.

The Board and Senior Management have reached the decision that the International School of South Africa, whilst independent will have to comply with the instruction given by the President as he has the power to close all schools in accordance with and in terms of the National Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002.

The school has decided to put the following measures in place with immediate effect.

Boarding Students

All boarding students travelling by road must be collected from school today whilst land ports remain open.

Parents of boarding students travelling by air must make adjusted travelling arrangements with the relevant travelling agencies with immediate effect.

All adjusted flight itineraries must sent to my PA, Ms Jenna Rae on jrae@issa.co.za.

The school will be providing escorted transport to the Oliver Tambo International airport on the following days departing from the school at 04:00.

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Thursday 19 March 2020

In the event that flights are secured much later in the day, staff supervision will be provided for our students until flights are boarded.

Parents of boarding students must please implement the guidelines that have been offered by your national governments in your home countries to try and minimise the spread of the virus. Parents must also avoid engaging in international travel to countries that have been identified as medium or high risk countries as defined in our President's address, and currently consisting of the European Union (Italy, Spain, Germany, Portugal), Iran and South Korea, United States, United Kingdom or China. Should parents have engaged in such travel during the course of the holidays, they



will be obliged to inform the school and comply with the governments requirements for testing and self-quarantine. They will also be required to provide a medical clearance certificate in no less than 24 hours prior to their return to the school.

Day Students

Day students will be advised to clear all lockers today so they can have study materials during the course of the holidays.

Access to Campus

While students may not be at school, school will remain open for a few more days for teaching staff to gain access to the campus in order in order to prepare for the delivery of lessons and study materials remotely where possible. There will also be a skeleton staff in place to ensure that essential services continue uninterrupted by mutual consent with staff affected in those areas.

Term Dates and Remote Learning

A follow up communication will be sent in the next few days to offer advice on the return to school for term two given that we are a three term school and most schools in South Africa are four term schools. Plans to support remote learning will also be communicated once that has been put into place.

Conclusion

The International School of South Africa joins the President in urging all citizens to remain calm, stay informed and continue to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. We will keep our parents informed of any further developments. Thank you for your support in this regard and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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