

1 May 2020

Dear Parents

I have received a variety of concerns from parents with regards to returning to contact schooling after the various suggestions and dates as recommended by the Minister of Education last night.

I wish to offer the reassurance to parents that we are not as Independent Schools bound by the Minister's announcement to return to schools on some of the proposed dates.

We can however use those dates as guidelines to inform our decision to return to school. The Independent Schools Association of South Africa (ISASA) has a sound working relationship with the Ministry of Education and we try as far as possible to abide by the guidance offered by the Ministry of Education.

As a school we will be guided by our own internal protocols before we make a formal decision to return to campus schooling. We wish to install a risk free occupational health plan before we open our schools for contact teaching. The International School of South Africa will begin its deep cleaning programme on Monday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further clarity.

Just a friendly reminder to Parents that the school's administration is still closed to the public for doing any formal business during level 4 lockdown. Dates will be published for our community when we are open for face to face business. Please continue to engage the school electronically.

I am hugely appreciative of the manner in which parents have approached the school to raise some of their concerns and anxieties around this "new normal". I am confident as we continue managing some of the challenges that lie ahead in this polite tone, we will emerge much stronger as a community.

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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