



'How Can I Serve My School Community'

26 March 2020

SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS

Dear Vuleka Family

'When we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience we did not know we had. And it is only when we are faced with failure do we realise that these resources were always there within us. We only need to find them and move on with our lives'. – Abdul Kalam

As we begin the journey of a '21 Day Lockdown' across the country, remember Psalm 46, 'Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth'.

South Africa is a country of hope with resilient people who can rise to any occasion and be the best. One of the statements from the new Vuleka Strategic Plan 2020-2023 reads as follows: **'We want to produce resilient, life-long learners who can take their place in the world with confidence and dignity'**. Vuleka learners are resilient and dedicated towards their education and are going to need more support from schools and parents as we're going through trying times in our country.

As a school, we are prepared to support our learners and parents, be in contact and help them through various challenges they might be facing.

Period Beyond 16 April:

The Monday, 23 March 2020, statement by the President of the Republic which outlined the escalation of measures to combat the Coronavirus pandemic makes it necessary for us all to re-evaluate our position and come up with contingency plans to deal with the situation and still be able to give good education to our pupils.

In the event where schools cannot resume their normal classes after 16 April, Vuleka schools will implement the following:

Teaching Packs:

We will send teaching packs/material to parents from 17 April (Friday). What's in the teaching packs? Worksheets, notes, articles, video links and other relevant material.

How are we sending these teaching packs?

- **Email:** Downloads
- **Class Dojo app:** Most of our primary schools are on Class Dojo and will make these teaching packs available on the app. (in some cases we will use WhatsApp as a communication tool)
- **Edmodo app:** Some of high school subjects are using Edmodo app to share lessons and assignments.

We have advised staff to plan work schedules for a month or more and be accessible to all stakeholders (pupils and parents) from 17 April 2020. It's quite encouraging to see our staff so eager to help learners and parents during this difficult time. Our staff have already started working on these teaching packs and some are ready to send them out.





The aim of teaching packs is to reinforce the concepts taught in class but nothing new.

Vuleka Sustainability: We are living in tough times and the economic climate is gloomy, but it is important for our parents to meet their obligation of paying school fees to sustain the school beyond 'Coronavirus period'.

NB: We will send another letter to you before 16 April 2020.

'Your current situation is not your final destination'

Kind regards

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