



'How Can I Serve My School Community?'

29 April 2020

VULEKA COVID-19 FUNDRAISER

Dear Vuleka Family

Firstly, I would like to thank staff and parents for being supportive and ensuring that our children are getting educated remotely.

As you may know, Vuleka is a non-profit organisation which offers excellent and affordable education for all. We rely solely on donations and school fees to fulfil our mission.

On Sunday, 26 April 2020, we started a fundraiser (R100 donation project) to deal with serious threats and challenges posed by the Coronavirus to our school community. We announced a fundraiser to all Vuleka staff (via staff WhatsApp groups) on Sunday 26 April 2020 at about 12:20 and by 14:20, our staff had raised **R5 620-00** already. We then reached out to parents, friends, families, Facebook friends, former colleagues, churches and other stakeholders. We are now on day 4 of the project and have raised **R16 786-00**.

We live in a volatile era where anything is possible, however due to the uncertainty of the future, some of our parents are struggling to pay school fees and others have lost jobs, children need online education, there is not enough data for children and parents to work online (especially our matric students), the need for safety equipment for children when schooling resumes, staff wellness and retention, less donations from donors and other challenges are a few of the issues we are now facing.

As a school, we decided to raise funds to deal with some of the above challenges, hence the launching of the Vuleka Covid-19 Fundraiser. We need to reiterate that **this is not to replace school fees** and therefore, we appeal to our parents to please endeavour to carry on paying school fees.

A special thank you to some of our parents, staff and volunteers who offered to assist our schools by organising food parcels for families in need, high school staff who bought data and sent it to some of our matric students to access online education, parents who offered to sew masks for matric students as they might be the first group to go back to school.

Please note, we are running this fundraiser to address some of the threats posed by the Coronavirus. We are going to have to sanitise our schools, buy necessary safety equipment for children and staff and be able to look after staff during these trying times. We have revised budgets and cut down on 'not so important' expenses.

We would like our parents to support us where possible by making a minimum donation of R100-00, however this is not a compulsory request. If some parents want to give any other form of support to the school, we ask that you please contact heads of school or class teachers.

Please find the poster attached which you may share with your families, friends and colleagues.

'It's not how much we give but how much Love we put into Giving' – Mother Teresa

God Bless!

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