



04 January 2021

Dear Vuleka Family

Happy New Year to all Vuleka families, staff, and other stakeholders. I also wish to welcome all new families who have joined us this year and we hope they enjoy our school and add value in what we do.

As you may be aware that as a country, we are now back on nationwide lockdown Level 3 due to the increase of Coronavirus cases reported in the last few weeks. As a school, we have consulted with various educational groups such as ISASA (Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa), neighbouring independent schools and the school Executive team to discuss the impact of the latest government regulations for Coronavirus COVID-19 level 3.

We continue to prioritize the health and safety of our school community while remaining purposeful in ensuring that our educational offering is not compromised. We, therefore decided to move the opening date from Wednesday 13 January 2021 (as scheduled before) to **Monday 18 January 2021**.

We would like to give our families an opportunity to self-isolate at home after the holidays in order to mitigate the spread of the virus before bringing our pupils and staff together. This kind of arrangement would also give us time to monitor all trends and latest developments from the government as the nation-wide lockdown level 3 is scheduled to end on 15 January 2021, Friday.

Please find newly revised dates:

Monday 11 January 2021: Central office staff and School Administrators/Support Staff, to report for duty (on site). However, you can contact them via email as from 05 January (Tuesday).

Thursday 14 January 2021: Teaching staff to return to work.

Monday 18 January 2021: Start of Term 1

Please note, as from **11 – 15 January (Monday – Friday)**, our teachers will be setting up and modifying Parent WhatsApp groups, help new families to get on Microsoft Teams and be part of class WhatsApp groups.

As you may be aware that we have small campuses and have planned to operate on full capacity but still observe all safety protocols. However, should we see the need to change from that plan, we will inform our parents, pupils and staff.

As a country and the rest of the world, we are going through tough times and nothing is certain, and therefore we might be experiencing changes coming from the state, and it's important for our school community to be **flexible and adjust to changes and challenges posed by COVID-19**.

I wish to send my condolences to all families including staff who have lost their loved ones to the Coronavirus and other illnesses. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Sanele Majola – Executive Head of Vuleka Schools

