



'Embracing Change to Drive Innovation and Growth in My School Community' -2021 Vuleka Theme

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Dear Parents

I hope this communication finds you well.

As a country and the rest of the world, we are living through tough and challenging times. There is so much uncertainty in every sector of the country, and education is no exception. However, as a school we are prepared to live up to our mission, and that is, to offer excellent and affordable education for all. We will use every platform available to reach out to your child and offer the kind of education that they deserve.

Vuleka schools operate on small campuses and we are therefore ready to open schools for pupils of all grades but observe all health and safety protocols.

We have decided to plan for two scenarios as we face so much uncertainty in our country and the education sector.

Scenario A: Vuleka schools are scheduled to open on 18 January 2021 which still stands. We will accept all grades but have the following in place:

1. Wearing of masks
2. Social Distancing
3. Screening: taking temperatures
4. Break times are staggered (Grades to take turns to go on break)
5. Afternoon screenings are staggered
6. No big gatherings such as assemblies or morning prayers
7. Pupils stay in one classroom, but teachers move from one class to the other (primary school)
8. Morning and break time free play is supervised by staff to monitor social distancing and other safety protocols.

Window Period: 18 – 31 January – Some of our parents have expressed concerns about sending children back to school in January, and therefore we are offering such parents a window period (18-31 January) to keep their children home. The school will send them work via Whatsapp, Microsoft Teams and even make hard copies for collection from school.

Please note, first two weeks of **Term 1 (18- 31 January) is for revision work**. Teachers will be doing revision work from previous grade.





Extra-Murals:

Swimming: As you may be aware that all our schools are using outside school swimming pools for swimming but unfortunately the State has prohibited citizens from using public pools, and therefore we have decided to suspend Term 1 swimming until further notice.

Cultural Activities: We are offering all our cultural activities such as, Marimbas, Music, Dance, Art, Drama, Computers and many more, and will invest more resources in these activities

Scenario B: In the event where schools cannot open for various reasons, we will do the following:

Phase 1: 18 -31 January: We prepare **revision work** (from previous grade), send it to parents via Teams, WhatsApp, and make hard copies for collection from school.

- Sort out Microsoft Teams Groups
- Sort out Microsoft Teams accounts for new pupils.
- Teacher – Student Hello Meetings (Class Meetings)
- Teachers will be available during school hours to assist pupils.
- Draw Up Online Teaching Timetable.

Phase 2: 01 – 28 February: Online Teaching commences / Hard copies for collection from school (on a weekly basis)

NB: As a school, we will monitor all the latest developments regarding the state of COVID-19 and make necessary adjustments and decisions where we need to.

We are ready to open on 18 January.

Yours Sincerely

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