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Dear Vuleka Family

I hope this communication finds you well.

We would like to thank our parents and staff for working together these past two weeks to ensure that the children get work from school via online platforms or collecting hard copies from school.

As per school communication that was sent on 15 January, we would like to confirm that Vuleka School will be opening on **Monday 01 February: 7:30 – 14:00, High school: 7:30 – 14:30**. School gates will open for screening as from **6:45am**. There will be Aftercare from 14:00 – 17:00 (not applicable to the High school).

Vuleka operates on small campuses and therefore, we will open school for pupils of all grades but observe all health and safety protocols.

School Safety Measures:

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 plays are supervised by staff to monitor social distancing and other safety protocols.

Extra-Murals:

Swimming: As you may be aware that our primary schools are using outside school swimming pools which the President 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 in more resources in these activities.

Special Provision:

Vuleka is a caring and listening school and we always try to accommodate parent and pupil needs but sometimes we cannot do much when it is beyond our control. Some of our parents have expressed concerns about sending children back to school on Monday (01 February) due to various reasons, some are health related, but others are due to fear and anxiety as we face the pandemic. As a school, we will invite those children into our lessons via Microsoft Teams when needed. My advice to parents concerned is to please contact their Head of school to make necessary arrangements. However, I need to make it



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clear that this is not a long-term solution as we are still going to live through COVID-19 for some time. We will review this kind of provision before end of February and consult with parents involved.

As a country, we are seeing a steady decline in the COVID-19 cases reported daily and that's positive news.

Vuleka has always made sure that we put your child's health and education first which can be a very challenging act to balance but we try our best. We have kept all our stakeholders well informed and will not stop doing that. We need your continuous support as we are living in a world that is volatile and uncertain.

Lastly, I would like to thank all parents who have paid January school fees and a gentle reminder to those who have not, please do so. We are a non-profit organisation that provides excellent and affordable education for all and rely on school fees.

'We are in this together – and we will get through this, together' – UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

Yours Sincerely

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