



17 June 2021

**RE: STATE OF COVID-19 IN SOUTH AFRICA AND VULEKA SCHOOLS**

Dear Vuleka Family and Friends

I hope this communication finds you well. On 16 June (yesterday) the Department of Health reported 13 246 new COVID-19 cases of which 7 859 of those cases are from Gauteng which is quite concerning.

As a school, we are doing our best in keeping our children and staff safe. However, school is part of society and therefore we are not immune to the Coronavirus.

I am sad to inform you that in the last three days we saw four of our staff members testing positive for COVID-19. Two of those staff members are from central office, one teacher from St Michael's and the other one from Vuleka SSB High School. We had to run contact tracing assessments involving those cases and took decisions that are in the best interest of everyone involved.

Please see table below to understand how we dealt with cases above:

School	Date	Number of staff/pupils	Action Taken
1.Vuleka SSB	14 June (Monday)	1 teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- School was closed early on 14 June till 17 June to allow deep cleaning and for members of school to monitor their health condition.</li><li>- Contact tracing assessment was done by the school</li></ul>
2. Central Office	16 June (Yesterday)	2 staff members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Central office <b>is closed</b> till 21 June (Monday) to allow staff to isolate and run deep cleaning.</li><li>- <b>Staff will be available on email to deal with any queries from parents.</b></li><li>- Contact tracing assessment was done by the school.</li></ul>
3. St Michael's	16 June (Yesterday)	1 teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- School suspended class affected only, from 16 June to 21 June (Monday)</li><li>- Contact tracing assessment was done by school</li></ul>

NB: I am pleased to inform you that our primary school pupils are done with Term 2 assessments, and we would like to appeal to parents to not send their children to school if they are sick or there is somebody in the family who has flu or seems to be having COVID-19 symptoms.

All Vuleka primary schools are closing for holidays next week Friday (25 June) and high school on 01 July. However, should there be any changes regarding closing dates, the school will inform you.

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

Yours Sincerely

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