



13 July 2021

RE: RE-OPENING OF VULEKA SCHOOLS

Dear Vuleka Family

I write this communication with a heavy heart as we are facing unrest in our country, particularly in Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal. We need to pray for our country, people and businesses affected and ask God to grant our leaders more wisdom to provide leadership and direction.

We are monitoring the situation, and should we need to make changes, we will keep you informed.

As you may be aware that the country is still on a nationwide lockdown level 4 due to COVID-19 and the higher rate of infections, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that the schools would now open on 26 July.

However, all Vuleka Schools were scheduled to open on Tuesday 20 July and **this date still stands. We cannot open school gates** for face-to-face teaching but will run online lessons via Microsoft Teams as from Tuesday 20 July.

We do understand that some of our families may find it difficult to purchase enough data to join online lessons as we are in the middle of the month and therefore, we have decided to have one online lesson per day and the rest of the work will be posted on WhatsApp groups by relevant teachers (20 -23 July). **However, should government decide to not open schools on 26 July, we will carry on with online lessons but increase the number of online lessons to two per day.**

Please see timeline below:

- **13 July, Tuesday (Today):** Letter to parents, staff and other stakeholders is sent out.
- **14 – 15 July (Wednesday & Thursday):** Parents of children who do not have Microsoft Teams accounts are to inform class teachers (privately).
- **16 – 19 July (Friday to Monday):**
Teachers will check if they have everyone in their Microsoft Teams.
Heads of school and teachers to send Week 1 Timetable (days and times for online lessons) to parents.
Teachers will start sending work home that needs to be done for the rest of the week.
- **20 July, Tuesday – 23 July, Friday:**
Online lessons commence.
Teachers will send work home via WhatsApp groups.
- **26 July, Monday** – Schools open for face-to-face teaching.

NB: Heads of school will communicate more details and assist parents who might need hard copies of schoolwork. Please note, we are monitoring the state of COVID-19 daily, especially in Gauteng and will always put safety of our children and staff first but never compromise children's education.

Lastly, I would like to thank staff for going out of their way, ensuring that our children receive excellent education, what a privilege to work with such committed staff!

Please Pray for South Africa!

Yours Sincerely

Mr Sanele Majola – Executive Head of Vuleka Schools

