

18 March 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, Staff and Students

Further to our recent correspondence we would like to share additional information to ensure that the Oakhill Community remains well informed of any new developments regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. We do this to maintain transparency and to avoid panic through fake news and rumours. We have been informed that parents of an Oakhill child have been tested positive with Covid-19 having returned from overseas travel.

The parents in question, self-isolated themselves from others including their own child as a precautionary measure on their return. Their child did not return to school following the parents' arrival as an additional precautionary measure. They are recovering at home and will undergo an extended quarantine period. The family is in our thoughts and we wish the parents a speedy recovery and good health.

The parent who consulted the doctor as a precautionary measure on 16 March concerning possible exposure to the Coronavirus has been tested with the result being negative.

Whilst the school has been in shutdown this week, the teachers have been undergoing additional extensive training with various Google Apps with the intention to launch this should the shutdown remain when the second term commences. In this way we will ensure that the school continues to deliver and keep up to pace with curriculum delivery. Some online delivery will be trialled with the matric programme scheduled to commence at the end of the week.

The situation remains fluid and we will continue to maintain our implemented controls and social distancing to limit the infection curve. With this in mind, and in line with the Government recommendations, the Oakhill campus and sport facilities are closed until further notice.

We will continue to collaborate with ISASA during this period and the Head of Prep and Head of College will communicate again closer to the commencement of the second term with detailed plans should the school remain closed.

I have all the confidence that at times like this the school community will respect one another and assist and support those families that are directly and indirectly impacted. We are in this together and the health and safety of our teachers, students and community remains our highest priority.

We wish all families a healthy and restful time during this precautionary recess.

Regards



Robin McCall
Board Chairman