

CODE OF CONDUCT



POLICY IN RESPECT OF BREACHES OF COVID-19 PROTOCOL AT SCHOOL

A PREAMBLE:

The global pandemic known as Covid-19 has necessitated drastic changes in mindset and patterns of behaviour because of its potentially serious and, in many cases, fatal consequences. In South Africa, a State of Disaster has been declared. It is for this reason that, for the protection of all children, teachers and staff, this policy adopts a firm stance against breaches of the protocols put in place to minimise the risk of transmission.

The policy is to be read in conjunction with the school code of conduct. Given the fact that it has been proven that many carriers of the virus have been asymptomatic, this policy assumes that everyone is a potential carrier.

Five “golden”rules to prevent the spread of the coronavirus

1. Separate yourself physically from other people:
 - a. By staying away from people as much as possible
 - b. By staying home if unwell.
2. Physical distancing when around other people:
 - a. Keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres (2 arm lengths) from others.
 - b. Do NOT shake hands, or hug, or fist bump, or elbow bump. Keep your distance.
3. Hand washing/sanitising:
 - a. Regular hand-washing with soap and water for 20 seconds Or rub hands with alcohol-based hand sanitiser
 - b. Wash hands after touching people, surfaces and objects.
 - c. In class children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands every hour.
4. Practising good hygiene measures:
 - a. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and then put the tissue in a bin and wash your hands immediately.
 - b. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
 - c. Do not touch railings/doorknobs/etc without sanitising afterwards.
5. Using three-layer cloth face masks:
 - a. Use a three-layer cloth face mask to cover your nose and mouth.
 - b. Have an extra mask available in a plastic bag in the event that you need to change the one you’re wearing.
 - c. Don’t touch the mask after you put it on.
 - d. Leave the mask on all the time except when you need to eat/drink. For eating/drinking, take it off carefully by the strings and place it in a clean paper or plastic bag.
 - e. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

Every child should bring their own water and stationery as no sharing will be allowed. It’s imperative to explain why we have this rule and we ask parents to assist in this task.

Casual wear is permitted over this Covid-19 period.

B TRANSGRESSIONS AND SANCTIONS

TRANSGRESSION	SANCTION
Not wearing a mask on arrival at school and during school. Buffs and scarves will not be accepted.	Refusal of access onto school premises.
Child arriving late after screening has closed or not being fetched on time.	Refusal of access onto school premises. Immediate 3 day suspension
Hair should be neat not cut; long hair tied.	Refusal of access onto school premises.
Wasting paper towels, toilet paper and liquid soap.	Parents ask to fetch immediately or immediate 3 day suspension.
Using sanitiser in a manner other than that for which it is intended.	Immediate suspension for 3 days.
Deliberately ignoring safety protocols such as not observing safe social distancing, playing prohibited games, sharing of lunches.	Immediate suspension for 3 days.
Not disclosing information eg. having come in contact with a person who has tested positive.	Immediate suspension for 3 days.
Misleading someone into believing, either directly or online, that he/she, or someone else, has the virus.	Immediate suspension for 3 days.

Making negative comments or stigmatising other children, either directly or online, about someone who is believed to have the virus.	Immediate suspension for 5 days.
Changing seats in a particular classroom during the day, or from day to day.	Immediate suspension for 5 days.
Refusing to follow Covid-19 protocol, e.g. not observing physical distancing, not washing hands, not wearing the mask, etc. after warning.	Immediate suspension for 5 days.
Spitting in any area.	Immediate suspension for 7 days.
Deliberately placing another person in danger of catching the virus, for instance by coughing into someone's face.	Immediate suspension for 7 days.

NB: In all of the above cases, the parent will be contacted immediately and asked to fetch the child.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Dated: _____

Signed: _____
Treasurer

Dated: _____

Signed: _____
Principal

Dated: _____