



06 April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to all the parents and guardians of children at *Star of the Sea Convent* for your continuing support.

*As we start our intake of children, we need to ensure that it happens in a safe and secure environment that protects both children and staff. We should never allow our children and staff to be exposed to unnecessary dangers.*

*Arrival and dismissal times must be followed. The staggered times allow social distancing; it helps our staff to screen and move children into the school without being overwhelmed.*

*Children who are sick for whatever reason, should not come to school. When you are called to fetch your child, please do so promptly.*

*Please do not identify teachers or children who were absent on the whatsapp groups; it creates unnecessary anxiety; we understand the protocol and will follow it.*

Parents are reminded:

On Monday 6 July 2020 the following grades (R, 1, 2, 3 & 6) are expected to return. At our school this will happen progressively (not all grades at once) and we will only accommodate half the class on any given day. In this way we will be able to keep everyone safe. *The school will provide further details.*

Grades 4 & 5 will return on the Monday 3 August 2020.

Transporters: a number of parents have asked the school to intervene; While we will urge transporters to follow safe guidelines as well as ask traffic officers to check vehicles, the agreement is between parents and transporters. You need to ensure that sanitising of hands, social distancing and wearing masks happen and the vehicle is sanitised.

The school will use the Whatsapp groups, SMS communication tool, our website and the school calendar to convey any information. Our website address: [www.starofthesea.co.za](http://www.starofthesea.co.za). If you have changed your cell number or email address, please send email to [megbuc@starofthesea.co.za](mailto:megbuc@starofthesea.co.za) or notify your child's class teacher.

Online teaching and learning programme. Our website has been zero-rated, meaning that access is free. You don't use data when downloading the worksheets and online lessons. We will shift all phases in the next week. Additional online content that we will continue to use [www.worksheetcloud.com/live](http://www.worksheetcloud.com/live).

School fees:

*Thank You*

I urge you to continue paying your school fees as the salaries of the majority of teachers at the school are wholly derived from school fees. Parents who have applied for an exemption, are reminded that our treasurer has communicated your payment plan to you. Please adhere to it.

*We need to continue showing care for others through stopping, listening and speaking so that we can overcome our fears and anxieties.* Please be safe; maintain our guidelines and prepare your child for a return to school.

Regards

Tania Fouten – GB Chairperson