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STAR OF THE SEA CONVENT SCHOOL

8 June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Update

Staff: Mrs Sawdon has retired due to ill health. She spent 22 years at our school providing exemplary service to our school community. She can be proud of the many achievements including the systemic results over the years. We are going to miss her dedication and commitment to ensuring that children work to their potential. Parents will miss the telephone calls urging them to help her get more from their child. We will have her back to celebrate the 22 years at our school. In line with our attempts to restructure our budget we are moving Mrs Emandien into Grade 6, while Ms Jacobs will take over in Grade 4.

Monday 6 July 2020

This date marks the re-entry of Grades R, 1, 2, 3 & 6. While we welcome the return of the children, it will happen gradually. We need parents/guardians support in this matter so that we can safeguard both children and staff. The re-entry will still place enormous responsibility on parents/guardians. While Grade 7's will attend school every day, the rest of the grades will not. Classes will be divided into two, with each half attending school, either on odd or even days. There school day will also be shortened to accommodate staggered dismissal times. *More details to follow.* Parents should use the class groups to organise lifts as we cannot have children on their own in the grounds.

Once children leave, staff will be disinfecting surfaces to ready rooms/toilets/etc, while teachers will be busy preparing for class and online lessons for children who cannot attend school. We applaud our parents for their commitment to help us keep their children on task as well as celebrate our teachers for their dedication and commitment to providing online lessons. It's been a steep learning curve and extremely busy time.

Once again, we want to ask your assistance and patience as we screen children, follow our guidelines to keep each other safe and dismiss children by imposing social distancing. Please **REMEMBER** that everything is new and we are trying our best. We welcome your input to improve our processes.

The most important responsibility that we all have is to keep each other **SAFE**. We ask each other 5 questions and check our temperature daily and if we feel unwell, we stay at home. As a parent you need to ask yourself these questions about your child/ren before sending them to school.

Lastly, anxiety and fear are real. Listen to your child and yourself. Get the appropriate help.

Yours sincerely



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