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Dear Parent,

After the successful completion of the first week of school and two rounds of student groups visiting the school, I would like to thank everyone for doing their part and remaining positive.

Our staff members have done a tremendous job preparing for the return of our students and it is showing in how easy the week flowed from the entrance gate through the kitchen to the collection of our students after school.

I would also like to commend our students on their cooperation and attitude they portrayed throughout the new and unknown processes they were faced with at school.

And lastly you, the parents, thank you for all the support, patience and prayers. The teachers and I really appreciate it.

Important Near Future Dates

15 June, Monday – School Holiday

16 June, Tuesday – Youth Day

19 June, Friday – 1st Term Reports to be sent home

School Fees

With the first of three discounts that has been added to the school fees, 25%, we are hopeful that we will continue to receive our pay-out from UIF this month to maximize the discount for July and August.

With no more such thing as “normal”, we understand that some parents’ finances have been severely impacted by the pandemic, to an extent where both parents have lost a portion of income or even their jobs altogether.

We understand that it will remain a challenge to pay school fees for the rest of the year, and in return it becomes a financial burden on the school as well.

Therefore, we would like to request these parents to send an email to accounts@zwartkopcs.co.za to set up a payment arrangement, with monthly payment terms, that would best suit your family’s needs in order for us to plan and budget accordingly for the remainder of this year.

It will be extremely difficult for us to determine everyone’s individual circumstances and we ask that when you send your request through, you keep in mind that the school cannot function without a steady income of school fees and solely rely on school fees with no other source income.

Planning for the Future

With South Africa’s numbers steadily rising, we have to assume that sooner or later our school might also have, students, teachers or parents, testing positive with COVID and we need to plan accordingly.

Should or when this happens, the school will close with immediate effect for at least 14 days, after which we

will do a deep clean of the premises before we will consider reopening.

This will also give everyone the opportunity to self-isolate, monitor oneself for symptoms and seeking medical advice or testing if necessary.

All students will have to work from home during this time and we will make limited staff available for writing tests and collecting new books on a different location. This will only be communicated after the situation has been contained and when we could establish where the infected person has been on the premises.

Teacher Courtesy

With most parents now in possession of the teachers' personal cell phone numbers, I wish to ask parents to **NOT** contact any teacher after 17:00 or before 07:00 during weekdays.

Please avoid all contact over weekends as all of our teachers are now working overtime, under stressful conditions and they also have a family to attend to, the need to recharge and prepare for the next week.

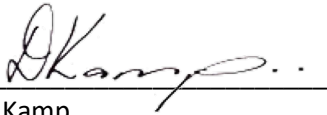
And Finally...

With everyone's safety in mind, and in order for us to manage the situation as best we possibly can, we would also like to request that should you or your children experience COVID symptoms, please stay at home and let us know.

Should you or your children have been in contact with someone that has tested positive, please also remain home, let us know as soon as you possibly can, and make contact with your doctor for the necessary advice.

May you and your family be blessed and remain safe.

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Kamp", written over a horizontal line.

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