



Rhenish Girls' High School Screening Policy (Covid-19) for learners

Rhenish Girls' High School is committed to the health and safety of all learners and staff. In line with the guidelines of the Western Cape Education Department, the school has developed a Policy to manage the screening process of learners who enter the school premises. The screening measures are necessary to protect learners and to avoid the spreading of or infection with the COVID-19 virus.

The Provincial Department of Health has indicated that screening is a simple procedure that does not require health officials or specialist training. It encompasses the asking of a number of questions and temperature screening (if thermometers are available). The Department of Health has further indicated that they do not have capacity to do screening at schools. Hence, schools must set measures in place to do the screening. Any person who refuses to be screened, cannot be allowed onto the school premises.

The following should occur for learners to enter the school and to be screened:

- Sanitise hands at the front gate - all learners and visitors
- Learners must walk straight to their register class when the bell goes at 7:40
- Sanitise hands again – every teacher will have a spray bottle in every class
- Girls to sit at the same desk and chair every morning for registration period
- Learners must wear a mask and are please to ensure social distancing while waiting for the 7:40 bell.
- It is important that learners maintain social distancing and stand 1.5 meters from each other.
- Every learner's temperature will be taken by the register teacher and submitted to the WCED App on a daily basis.
- Learners will be asked the following questions:
 1. Do you have a headache?
 2. Do you have a dry cough?
 3. Do you have shortness of breath?
 4. Do you have a sore throat?
 5. Do you have body aches?
 6. Do you have nausea/vomiting/diarrhoea?
 7. Do you have loss of smell or taste?
 8. Do you have fever / chills?
 9. Do you have redness of the eyes?
 10. Do you have fatigue / weakness?
 11. Within the past 10 days, have you had direct contact with someone known to have contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19)?
- If these questions indicate that a learner is a risk (Yes for 2 or more questions) or the scanner reading is above 38°C, then that learner will be isolated and her parents contacted to fetch her. Such learners must isolate for 10 days and if necessary, consult a medical practitioner or call the hotline numbers.
- If a learner is late for school, she must proceed to the reception area to be screened.
- Hostel learners will be screened at the hostel and a second screening will take place in the register class.