

# RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

*The Oldest Girls' School in South Africa*

Principal: Ms E H Slabber

8 August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

## **Rhenish Girls' High Adjusted Level 4**

The letter sent to parents on 6 August explained the rise in numbers at Rhenish Girls'. We take this very seriously because the health of our learners as well as their family members is important to us. We are aware as of today of 17 confirmed cases (15 Hostel and 2 School).

The recommendation from the Western Cape Education Department is that we close the hostel for Grade 8 – 10 learners for a week. Grade 8 – 10 Hostel learners will therefore do online schooling this coming week; **no Grade 8 – 10 learners will be allowed back into Hostel from 10 – 13 August.** Grade 11 and 12 Hostel learners will return to school on Tuesday along with the day scholars.

We have completed the deferred Test Series and from Tuesday (10 August) we will continue with normal teaching. The school and hostel were deep cleansed on Saturday and I want to urge everyone (staff and learners) to take extra care when we return on Tuesday.

Masks must be worn and we all need to ensure that, at break times especially, we do not share anything and do not talk to each other for longer than 15 minutes without a mask. Learners are also please to sit a metre apart and must make use of the sanitizing stations all the time. Hands must also regularly be washed.

Please take note of the following arrangements for the next week:

1. No sport or cultural activities will take place until further notice. The Rustenburg Girls' derby for this Saturday has been cancelled. I understand that the girls will be disappointed, but the health of our learners as well as the health of a visiting school is more important at this stage.
2. Grade 12 - extra Maths session on Saturday 14 August will continue from 11:00 – 14:00. The times of this session will not change.
3. Online teaching will be available for all learners who are either isolating because of exposure to a Covid positive or because she is

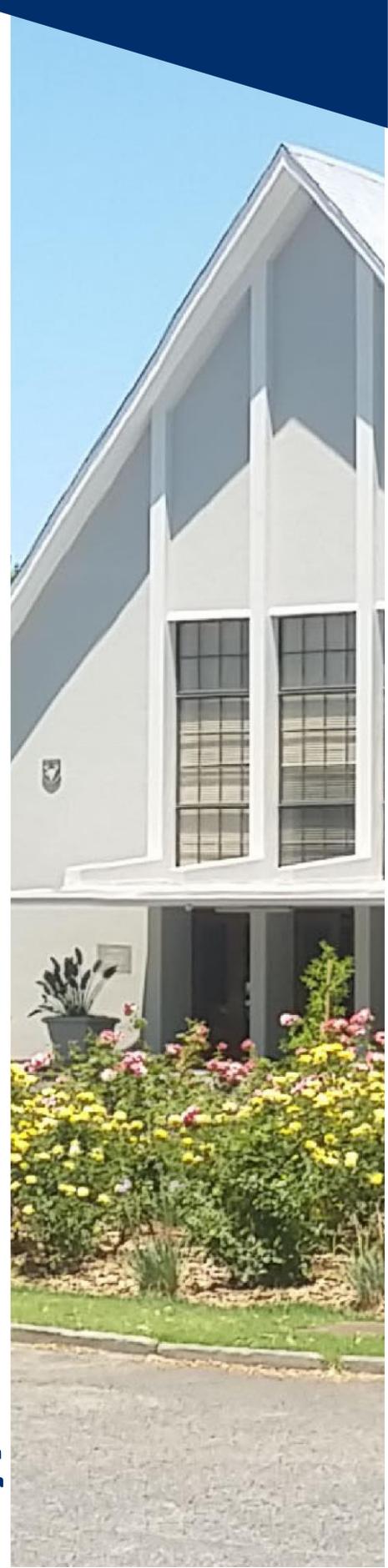
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herself positive. The lessons will also be recorded for learners who perhaps have problems with wifi. If you want to keep your daughter at home for a week, please confirm this with the school or the Grade Head.

4. Please do not send your daughter to school if she displays any symptoms – runny nose, sore throat, or an elevated temperature. We take every child’s temperature every day and not once has this alerted us to a possible case or given rise for concern. It is therefore vital that you assist us in this and keep your daughter at home if she is symptomatic.
5. Programme for Tuesday 10 August (Week one Day 2) during the test period:  
7:40 – 8:00 – Register period  
8:00 – 8:20 – Day 4 Period 6  
8:20 – 8:40 – Day 5 Period 7

Although we mentioned the protocol regarding a positive case in our previous letter, it is important to read it again:

If a learner has been in close contact (closer than 2 metres for longer than 15 minutes without a mask) with a Covid positive person she must isolate for 10 days.

When do you START isolation?

- Day 1 is the day her friend’s positive result is received.
- If your daughter tests positive – Day 1 is the day she receives the positive result.
- If your daughter shows symptoms which make you suspect Covid, **DO NOT SEND HER TO SCHOOL** – Day 1 begins when she first shows symptoms.

If you are in doubt at all, please contact your doctor. Your doctor will be able to provide guidance on the isolation period and whether or not you should do a Covid test.

We really want to wish all the girls that have tested positive for Corona a speedy recovery. Look after yourselves and we hope to see you soon back at school. The pandemic is far from done with us. While our President may have moved us to an adjusted Level 3 of the National Lockdown, it is vital that we make sure we break this cycle and move to adjusted Level 4 until further notice.

Keep safe, wear your masks and celebrate woman’s day tomorrow.

Yours sincerely



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**Principal**