

# RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

*The Oldest Girls' School in South Africa*

**Principal: Ms E H Slabber**

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Dear Parents / Guardians

## **Covid-19 Rears its Head in Stellenbosch Schools**

As you will be aware, Stellenbosch is currently a hot spot for the Corona Virus and numbers nationally are on the rise once again as we face the reality of a third wave.

One of our neighbouring schools in Stellenbosch has been closed by the Department of Health because of the number of infections among learners and they will be shut for a week.

Another Stellenbosch school has brought to my attention that some of our Grade 10 learners, together with learners from that school, attended a party over the past weekend. The number of learners at the event was very high – certainly higher than what should gather under Covid regulations. One of the party attendees has now tested positive and others may yet emerge. If your daughter attended this 'super spreader' event, please will you do the responsible thing and keep her at home until you know that she is not infected.

I have also spoken to our Grade 10s about this event and about the positive case.

While we are all desperate for life to return to a pre-Covid "normal", it is not now the time to let our guards down. We need not only to look after our own health, but we need to ensure that we do not place others at risk either. Please, think very carefully about the potential consequences for your daughter, your family, our school and the community before you agree to her attending any event with a high attendance.

Now more than ever, we need to be vigilant and cautious. We have vulnerable learners, staff and staff with vulnerable family members. Each one of us must take responsibility for their safety by not exposing them or ourselves to the risk of infection.

Yours sincerely



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