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Dear parents

I trust that the past week has not caused you too much inconvenience. I am writing to inform you that the school will definitely be opening again on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We have been given every assurance from the various government ministries that there will not be any change to this planned re-start date.

#### What can you do to help as a parent?

During this period of time we ask for your full cooperation by being particularly vigilant with your children's health. If your child displays any flu like symptoms, please keep them at home until the symptoms clear up. The school intends to be very rigorous in checking to be sure that no child arrives at school in poor health. The school reserves the right to check the temperature of any child that it suspects has flu like symptoms or appears unwell.

Please be aware that if any child is found to be at school with flu-like symptoms, we will not hesitate to immediately send them back home. Therefore your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

#### School initiatives

We will similarly be maintaining our strict attention to hygiene around the school, ensuring that anti-bacterial soap is available in all toilets and classrooms with sinks, and that all surfaces, door handles and the like are constantly wiped clean with disinfectant.

Students will once again be reminded about good hygiene habits, particularly related to washing their hands. We will be conducting spot checks on students to check their temperature where we feel this is required.

#### Lesson time

Please note that your child has been marked as present at school this week on our attendance roster by virtue of the fact that they have spent this time doing the work set by their teachers. I know from observing my own children that there has been quite a lot of work set, and so their day should be gainfully occupied in productive academic activities.

Wherever possible, the teacher has tried to ensure that the work set compliments the learning that would normally have taken place in class this week. As a result of this the school will not expect students to be at school on weekends or during holiday breaks in an effort to make up for the days that school was closed. The lessons that teachers have set their students this week, albeit at home, as well as the work that they have planned for classes when they return next week will easily compensate for time lost.

The school will continue to monitor the situation and update you as and when information comes available. In the meantime I wish to thank all families for their assistance and cooperation during these past few days.

Yours sincerely

Martin Van Rijswijk  
Principal

