

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

After considering the low infection rate of the coronavirus, the academic syllabus, the conditions at school and in consultation with the Health Department, principals of other schools and the Governing Body, we have decided to get all our learners back at school daily from the beginning of term 2. We will revert to pre-COVID times, with learners being dismissed at 14:15 from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays we will be dismissed at 13:20. Friday detention will run from 13:30 to 15:30.

We will start the second term with day one of our academic timetable. Learners are reminded to return with the proper haircuts and styles. Hair must be cut to the correct length and style during the holiday, before returning to school.

While the COVID numbers are low we would like to cover as much of the work for 2021, as possible, before a possible third wave of infections. The Education Department has not trimmed the syllabus this year, and consequently, there is extra pressure on us to complete the syllabus thoroughly.

The plan is to do this for as long as it is relatively safe and will at a day's notice, revert to coming to school on alternate days if the COVID situation changes sufficiently.

Dividers are being made so that learners seated at long desks/tables have better protection. We will be supplying each learner with a facial visor, to use in addition to the masks. Learners will be allocated specific large areas at break time, so that social distancing is possible. The movement between periods will be staggered to minimize congestion in the passages.

It is going to be vitally important for learners to have the necessary self-discipline to adhere to the COVID protocols, so as to minimize the possible risk of spreading the virus. The wearing of masks, washing of hands and sanitizing of surfaces will remain an integral part of staying safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Vermaak', written in a cursive style.

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