

# VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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## SAFETY OF STAFF AND LEARNERS

If everything goes according to plan, Grade 12's all over the country will return to school on Monday, 1 June 2020 and the other grades will return in a phased-in approach. Safety is our main concern.

The school has put the following strict safety measures in place to ensure the safety of all staff, learners and parents:

- The school will undergo a thorough clean prior to learners returning, ensuring the pre-sanitization of the school building.
- Access to the school premises will be controlled, ensuring that learners can only get into the school grounds through designated entrances.
- All staff will undergo training during the week to familiarise themselves with the procedures regarding safety protocols within the school.
- Learners and staff will have to undergo strict safety protocols before being allowed to enter the school premises.

These will include:

1. All learners and staff will be screened by means of a digital thermal scanner.
2. Learners and staff members will answer pertinent health questions before they enter the school premises and their hands will be sanitized.
3. All learners will wear a face mask. No mask, no entry to the school premises.
4. All learners will be encouraged to have a small bottle of hand sanitizer in their possession for personal use during the day.
5. Learners must always be aware of the strict social distancing protocol.
6. Parents planning to enter the school premises will only be able to do so through means of an appointment. Parents will also have to wear a face mask, be screened by a non-contact thermal scanner, and be asked the set of screening questions.

- Sanitizer will be placed in strategic places throughout the school and there will be sufficient soap in the bathrooms for staff and learners to use during the day.

- Parents are urged to keep their children at home if they display any one of the following symptoms:

1. Constant headaches
2. Persistent cough
3. Fever
4. Sore throat
5. Shortness of breath
6. Diarrhoea
7. Body aches
8. Nausea and loss of taste and smell

- If a learner presents any of the above-mentioned symptoms during the academic day, the learner will be isolated in a quarantine area, and parents will be requested to fetch their child from school.

- The following dress code will apply until further notice:

- Learners are to wear respectable “civvies” to school.
- This dress code will give parents the opportunity to wash a learner’s clothes each day.

- Learners will receive a full orientation on their first day back regarding our expectations, safety procedure, and the way forward which will include a safety orientation by Mrs Southern.

- It is also important to note that learners must be aware of their social responsibility regarding their own health and personal hygiene. For example, we will contact parents to fetch learners from school who do not adhere to social distancing and all other safety protocol.

- During the week, we will send an academic programme regarding the way forward. We will keep you updated regarding any developments as we receive further information from the Department of Education.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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