

27 April 2020

Dear Parents

We trust all is going well and we hope that online schooling is becoming a bit more familiar and manageable.

There have been a few questions from parents which we would like to clarify.

- We use an asynchronous timetable at the moment. In other words, children do not have to structure their timetable for the day according to their school timetable. This is because some families are sharing devices and cannot access TEAMS at the same time, and in other cases parents download their children's work for them to work offline. We are also not sending nearly as much work for most of the classes as we would do if they were in class, excluding Grade 11 and 12.
- We suggest that parents check that when their children are on the computer they are in fact doing meaningful school work. It is easy for children to do other things, such as play games, when left unsupervised for long periods on the computer. Most work that is sent can be done offline after the initial download or viewing from TEAMS.
- Where parents cannot help their children to upload work, in the FET phase, they can feel free to contact the school to ask for help. It is not compulsory to upload work for any of the other grades.
- We would appreciate any feedback from parents about the online experience of their children and families, whether it be about the positive aspects of the process, or the challenges. Please can you send this feedback in the form of an e-mail to mail@dss.org.za.

As indicated on calendar, 27 April and 1 May were planned to be school days. We will continue with online schooling.

We will be contacting you in the near future concerning plans for re-opening of schools. This is still unclear and we need to look at it carefully.

We wish you and your family all the best and the Lord be with you.

Yours faithfully

D Newlands
Principal