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Dear Grade 10 and Grade 11 students, parents and bursary sponsors

As you are aware, the Department of Education has granted permission for Grade 10 and 11s to return to school on the 6th of July and many schools, including Simon's Town School, have informed learners of their intention to reopen.

The reopening of schools during the pandemic has presented many challenges, particularly with regard to 'social distancing' regulations which are regarded as one of the most important protocols in ensuring the health of all concerned.

These Covid-19 regulations have resulted in drastic changes being made to the school day – and they have also impacted on our hostel operations.

Our hostel will unfortunately not be permitted to reopen for other grades until we are able to meet the regulations, as outlined in the Government Gazette.

Complicating matters even further are the challenges of interprovincial travel, which continues to be restricted until Level 2.

As such, we have no choice but to look for alternatives for our Grade 10 and 11 boarders.

So, until further notice, boarders will be required to stay home, unless they are able to travel, by bus, to attend classes as a day student at Simon's Town School.

Anyone who wishes to do so in the short term, needs to advise the School and Mrs Owen by Thursday, 2 July.

We realise that attending school as a day student is not an option for those who live far away, so we have come up with a plan **If you are unable to come to us, we will come to you.**

Principal - Mrs J. Human
Chairperson, School Governing Body – Mr F.Booyesen

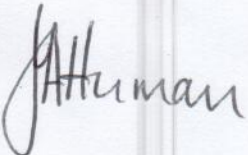
The plan is as follows:

- To provide learners at home with a **digital device** that will improve your remote/online learning experience. This will most likely be a tablet and will include data. These will be sent to you as soon as possible. *Please note – the provision of these items and data will come with very strict terms and conditions and usage of these items will be subject to monitoring and control, amongst others. This assistance will be determined on a case by case basis.*
- To continue providing academic content to you for **all your subjects**. Once you have the device we are able to improve the format of this content – in other words provide videos and do lessons via Zoom or Google classroom - and not only provide documents via Whatsapp, but extend that support to include something more interactive.
- To supplement the above academic content by **hosting face-to-face classes in locations near your home**. This will require teachers, and possibly tutors, travelling to your province to teach you at a hired venue. This will provide the opportunity to ask questions and benefit from face-to-face teaching.
- To **revise the above plan in September 2020**, when we hope we have more clarity on the health risks associated with the virus, as well as feedback on how effective the abovementioned interventions have been. We are also hoping that at that time, scheduled buses will be operating, which will give us more flexibility.

We understand that the ideal situation would be to have everyone in boarding, but this is far too risky at this stage.

So we appeal to you to provide your full cooperation on the abovementioned plan as we navigate these uncharted waters, together.

We hope to provide more details on the abovementioned plan within the course of this week. Until then, you are most welcome to email or WhatsApp any queries or questions to Mrs Owen on the email d.owen@lawhill.org or WhatsApp 082 387 6058.



Yours Sincerely
Mrs J. Human (Principal)

