



14 April 2020

Dear JCA Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you as a family have been blessed during the Easter weekend as you were reminded of Christ's love for us! I trust that you are all healthy and safe wherever you are during this time. If your family has been affected by COVID-19, whether physically, financially or just emotionally by the challenges of remaining indoors, I pray that Our Heavenly Father will be your Way Maker in the situation.

### **LOCKDOWN UPDATE**

As you are aware, the National lockdown has been extended for an additional two weeks, indicating that the School will not open as was tentatively scheduled for 20 April 2020, but will remain closed until further notice from the Government.

The Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, is expected to meet with the Cabinet before the end of the lockdown period during which the latest and most relevant information on the infection rate will be thoroughly considered when making an objective decision regarding the School Calendar as well as a Curriculum Recovery Plan for the year.

### **REMOTE TEACHING**

JCA Staff is prepared to continue with *Remote Teaching* until schools are allowed to open. During the past week, teachers have been hard at work preparing to continue with the term 2 curriculum. Work will be sent home to learners on a weekly basis. Parents will receive work for **WEEK 1** (Monday 20 April – Friday 24 April) by Friday, 17 April 2020.

*Remote Teaching* will therefore officially commence on Monday, 20 April 2020.

This is a new experience for both staff and learners and might take some time to adjust to the new method of teaching and learning. However, amid these challenging circumstances we are excited as we perceive *Remote Teaching* as an opportunity for growth and development. This is the ideal time to practise creativity and thinking outside the box!

JCA Staff is fully committed to doing the best we can to assist learners while at home.

### **COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

All the necessary work and resources will be sent to parents through the following channels:

- **The D6 Connect App** (*please urgently connect with JCA via the App if you have not yet done so!*)
- **Parents' email addresses**
- **The JCA Parent WhatsApp Group**

Parents can communicate with the Subject Teachers when they have queries regarding the academic work. The preferred way of communication will be by sending an email directly to the Subject Teacher (email addresses will be

provided on the lesson documents.) Alternatively, parents who do not have email access can send a WhatsApp message to the School office (081 403 2390) that will be forwarded to the Subject Teacher.

## **THE ROLE OF THE PARENT DURING THIS TIME**

We realise that your primary role is to be a parent, and not a teacher. However, we request that you as parent assist your child in the following areas:

- (1) Make sure your child stays indoors and healthy. It is not safe for children to play with neighbours during this time.
- (2) Create an environment where your child can focus and concentrate during *Remote Teaching* time. It would be ideal if your child could sit in a quiet room at a desk and comfortable chair.
- (3) Make sure that your child receives access to all the learning material sent through from School.
- (4) Younger children might need assistance with reading of instructions.
- (5) Help your child to be organised and to plan the day.
- (6) Follow a daily routine to create consistency and a sense of security:
  - Start the day with a healthy breakfast.
  - Start the “academic day” at 08:00 (at School, the duration of periods are usually 45 minutes per subject. This would be a good guideline to follow at home as well. Allow your child to take a quick break and stretch legs after each 45minute interval or subject).
  - Make sure the TV is switched off and games/toys are packed away until 13:00 or until daily schoolwork is completed.

## **WHAT IF LEARNERS DON'T HAVE THEIR BOOKS AT HOME?**

**Exercise books** – learners who did not take their exercise books home, can use another exercise book or exam pad. Learners must just make sure they write down the date, name of the subject, and topic clearly at the top of the page when starting with the daily work. This is to ensure that their work is done orderly and is easy to follow.

**Textbooks** – pictures of the relevant pages of the textbook will be attached to the weekly work.

**Worksheets** – if worksheets are included in the weekly work, learners do not need to print these worksheets. They can just follow the instructions and answer in their exercise book or exam pads.

Please also note the following general information:

## **SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS:**

Please make payments directly at the bank, visit an ATM, or make use of EFT payments. Email [accounts@boi.org](mailto:accounts@boi.org) for financial queries.

### Banking Details:

Temba Bethesda Outreach

Standard Bank

Account 011 818 743

NB – When making payment, please use your child’s unique 6-digit account reference number as beneficiary reference.

**COMMUNICATION:**



If you have not yet connected to the **D6 Connect App**, please respond to the invitation which was sent to all Parents via email and SMS to download the App. Please follow the download instructions and connect with us. If you did not receive an email or SMS, please contact the office via WhatsApp for assistance.

We thank you for your cooperation!

From my home to yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anine Bonthuys'.

Anine Bonthuys

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