



15 May 2020

Dear JCA Parents/ Guardians

## **RE: COMMUNICATION REGARDING REMOTE LEARNING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL**

With the prospect of most parts of South Africa moving to Level 3 of lockdown regulation, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon for all of us. The lockdown period provided many reasons for frustration, but it also provided for some positive changes. One of those changes was to experience how notably more friendly people have become and how people greet more spontaneously when seeing another person in the neighbourhood. Also, people who never exercised before are now enjoying morning exercise routines in search of fresh air.

It has been almost eight weeks since we as a school community have been together and we are eagerly looking forward to the day when we will all be together again.

In the meantime, please take careful note the following school related matters:

### **REMOTE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Thank you for your perseverance! Please feel free to contact your teacher whenever you need assistance with the work. Another big thank you to all the Parents who completed the survey on remote teaching and learning. Your feedback is valuable to us. Based on the responses that we received through the survey, we have made the following decisions:

- **Workload:**  
Teachers have slightly lightened the daily workload for all grades, to take some pressure off from parents and learners. We realise that some parents have returned to work and is no longer able to assist their children with the work during the day. We trust that the current load will be manageable for our learners. Grade R learners should be able to complete the daily work in 2 to 3 hours; grade 1 – 3 learners in 3 to 4 hours, and grade 4 – 7 learners in 4 to 5 hours.
- **Data credit:**  
In order to help parents with data expenditure, all school fee accounts that have been settled before the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, have been credited with R100 as a contribution towards data. Thank you to all the parents who have committed to continue paying fees during this difficult time.
- **Printed worksheets – available on 19 May:**  
The School will prepare packages of **printed worksheets** for learners to use during **Week 5 (18 – 22 May 2020)** of Remote Learning. This work is the same as the work which is sent through electronically (D6 Connect, Email, Website, Parent WhatsApp group, etc.). It is therefore not compulsory to fetch the printed work, and parents who are not able to fetch the work can just continue with the electronic access.

When collecting the printed packs, please adhere to the following protocols:

- i. The packages will only be available on **Tuesday 19 May 2020 between 08:00 – 15:00**.
- ii. The packages need to be collected from the security booth at the school gate.
- iii. Parents should stay inside their transport and the packages will be passed on through the window of the vehicle.
- iv. No parent is permitted to enter the premises.
- v. No socialising with other vehicles is permitted.
- vi. You are kindly requested to wear a mask when accepting the work.

### **RE-ENTRY TO SCHOOL:**

We are currently preparing our facilities to be ready for reopening. We are following the criteria prescribed by the Department of Basic Education to ensure that our School will be as safe as possible for all our learners and staff.

Re-entry of learners will follow a phased-in approach. The re-entry dates and school calendar are still to be confirmed by the Department of Basic Education. The Minister, Angie Motshekga, is expected to make an announcement on Monday, 18 May 2020 to provide an update on the reopening process as well as the return dates. At this point in time the proposed date for the first group to return, is 1 June 2020. All the other grades will continue with Remote Teaching and Learning until it is their turn to return to School.

A letter will be sent to parents next week to provide more information with regards to the return dates, as well as the reopening process and protocols for Jabulane Christian Academy.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Proud Principal of JCA,



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