

**HSH – NOU MEER AS OIT TEVORE, DOEN ON S DIE  
GEWONE DINGE BUITENGEWOON**



**VALUE FOR TERM 3 – LEAVE A LEGACY!**

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Dear Parents

We are glad to report that Oom Rassie, our bus driver on the Velddrif route, is fully recovered and ready to take up his duties. Allan Dreyden, one of our Governing Body members, is on his way to good health after a long and hard battle. We continue to keep him in our prayers. One of our assistants, Ingé Bailey, was tested positive for Covid 19 and is doing fine. At this stage of the pandemic, the HSH family can truly feel blessed. Although the storm of Covid 19 has not passed, we are thankful to report that we have come through relatively unscathed. Let us pray for good health for everyone in the HSH family.

1. **Kalenderbeplanning**

Daar is 'n spreekwoord wat lui "As niks verander nie, bly alles dieselfde". Ek glo dat elke ouer van 'n skoolgaande kind in Suid-Afrika weet dat ons in 2020 al vuisvoos verander is. Sodra ons dink alles is nou onder beheer, word die volgende "curve ball" in ons rigting geboul. 'n Opsomming van die belangrikste datums:

11 Augustus - Graad sewes keer terug na skool  
17/18 Augustus - **ALLE** ander grade keer terug na skool

**NB!** Vanaf hierdie week begin HSH met 'n rotasiestelsel. Grade R tot 3 en Graad 12 kom **elke** dag skool toe. Die ander grade kom elke tweede dag skool toe in hul onderskeie groepe.

Groep A	Groep B
12, 11, 9, 7A, 6A, 5A 4A, 3, 2, 1 en R	12, 10, 8, 7B, 6B, 5B 4B, 3, 2, 1 en R

21 September - Begin van Graad 12 Voorbereidende Eksamen

**NB!** Graad 4-11 leerders skryf nie 'n eksamen tydens die derde kwartaal nie, maar wel 'n deurlopende toetsreeks, soos bepaal deur die aangepaste kurrikulum.

- 23 Oktober - Skool sluit vir einde van derde kwartaal
- 2 November - Skole heropen vir Kwartaal 4
- 15 Desember - Skole sluit vir einde van 2020 skooljaar

Dit is egter baie belangrik dat ons gereed moet wees dat bg. datums op kort kennisgewing kan verander.

## 2. **Amended Curriculum**

Due to the fact that a substantial number of school days were lost during the Covid 19 pandemic, an amended curriculum was issued to all public schools. This amended curriculum is available on our website.

## 3. **Exemption from public school attendance**

The options to oversee the learning of their children at home due to high-risk comorbidities or concerns over COVID-19 remain available. Any parent who wishes to exercise these options should consult WCED Guideline 1(a): Exemption from public school attendance and return the required documentation to their school. (The Guideline and forms are available at <https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/back-school>.)

**The DBE's amendments now include another option. In sub-direction 6(1)(c) it states:**

- “(1) A parent, caregiver or a designated family member may choose not to send a learner to school for reasons that may include –**
- (c) a preference for the learner receiving learning and teaching instruction through the online or virtual platforms provided by an independent institution which is not related to the school that the child is registered at;”**

**Should a learner wish to remain registered at their public school but be exempted from public school attendance while they pursue learning and teaching instruction through the online or virtual platforms provided by a different independent institution during the national state of disaster, they may now apply to do so. They can apply using Annexure I(B2) – Application for exemption of a learner without a comorbidity from school attendance.**

**Another amendment in sub-direction 6(1)(d) states:**

- “(1) A parent, caregiver or a designated family member may choose not to send a learner to school for reasons that may include –**
- (d) a preference for the learner receiving learning and teaching instruction through the online or virtual platforms provided by the school;”**

**In this option, the learner does not have to apply for exemption. However, this possibility only applies in very few cases where online and virtual platforms are currently available and the school has indicated that it is able to provide online**

**and virtual teaching full time.** Schools offering this option must register to do so by writing to the Head: Education (attention Mr Clinton Walker at [Clinton.walker@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Clinton.walker@westerncape.gov.za)). In such cases, the parent must inform the school and verify that they have the facilities and equipment to support such learning. It could also only apply to certain grades within a school. **As from 17 August, HSH will not be offering online learning options to learners.**

**Schools must therefore inform parents if this option is available. But a parent cannot demand that his service be made available. Learners will have to adhere to the online timetable, as they would do when physically attending school.**

**Please note that parents wishing to keep registered learners out of school, for whatever reason, are expected to continue to pay school fees, as long as a learner is registered as a learner of that school.**

I need to add that if one thing was made clear by this pandemic, it is the fact that the vast majority of children function optimally in a school environment with their friends and teachers around them.

#### 4. Isolasie

In ooreenstemming met die instruksies van die Departement van Gesondheid, moet Covid-19 positiewe gevalle en/of enige persoon wat in **direkte** kontak met 'n Covid-19 geval was, voortaan vir 10 dae in isolasie gaan. Ons wil weereens 'n dringende beroep op al ons ouers doen om die skool onmiddellik in te lig oor 'n bevestigde positiewe toetsuitslag t.o.v. Covid-19.

#### 5. Skoolfinansies

Ek en die Beheerliggaam kan HSH-ouers nie genoeg bedank vir die ongelooflike ondersteuning deur hierdie baie moeilike jaar nie. Baie dankie aan elke ouer wat ons deur hulle getroue betaling van skool, bus- en koshuisgelde gehelp het om aan te gaan soos normaal. Ons het die grootste waardering daarvoor!

Dis 'n feit dat die verlies aan inkomste van bus- en koshuisgelde skoolfinansies erg geknou het. Albei hierdie entiteite word sedert middel Maart teen 'n verlies bedryf. Heffing van bus- en koshuisfooie sal vir die res van 2020 geskied in ooreenstemming met die veranderde skoolkalender. Die Finansiële Kantoor sal ouers op hoogte hou.

Ek deel vanoggend die volgende met die matrieks:

- 40% van die dinge waaroor ons bekommerd is, gebeur nooit nie
- 30% van die dinge wat ons bekommer, het in die verlede gebeur
- 20% van ons bekommernisse gaan oor wat ons dink ander mense van ons dink.

Op 'n persoonlike vlak kan ek getuig dat 2020 verseker die jaar was wat my baie nagte laat wakker lê het. Planne is beraam, net om die volgende dag weer omvêr gegooi te word. Ek het my bekommer oor die personeel, die leerders, skoolfinansies en nog

baie meer. Tot op hede het weinig van my bekommernisse gerealiseer. Dit bring my weer by die woorde van die Vrystaatse boer:

**“As die Here ons vanjaar nie seën nie, sal dit die eerste keer wees!”**

Ons Skepper seën die HSH-familie elke dag!

Voorspoed!

Wehan Fourie (Skoolhoof)