

DELTA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 10 of 2020

WELCOME

Parents, learners and the Delta community at large. These are indeed unprecedented times in which we communicate to you amidst a pandemic that has altered our way of life forever. COVID – 19 has exposed the deep inequalities that have beset our country for many years. We have witnessed first- hand how many citizens in our community and country have entered into deep financial crisis, which will take many years to effectively recover from.

Our school has not been spared of the effects of COVID-19. The school is experiencing a deep fiscus depression amidst the pandemic. All sources of revenue outside of the Norms and Standards allocation from government have evaporated. As a management team and SGB we were forced to make tough financial decisions and exercise prudence with regards to our ever- diminishing allocation of funds. I am pleased to report that as of June 2020 we have not released any SGB employees from their contracts. This is a vastly different experience from all of our neighbouring schools. It must however be said that we have no guarantees if the current remuneration packages would be sustainable going forward.

COVID ACTIONS TO DATE

The provision of PPE`s to ground -staff by the school is as follows: face- shields, masks, safety- glasses industrial level gloves, hand-sanitiser, hazard-suits.

Staff members: face-shields, masks, hand-sanitiser and access to disinfectant bleach.

The school has been cleaned as well as fumigated by an external service provider over the past weekend. Daily sanitisation protocols are observed by all staff members. Screening stations for staff and learners have been set-up as per new regulations. These protocols have significantly impacted our daily operations. The utilisation of external security to safe-guard infrastructure and ensure compliance with access control has also been implemented. We were instructed to implement the safety policy, **NOT ALLOWING PARENTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS ON THE PREMISES**. In this regard please use the following platforms to communicate with the school over the next few months.

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All staff members have been orientated with regards to COVID protocols which are extremely strict and require diligence and consistency in its implementation.

It must however be said that even though the schools have taken all the necessary precautions it is still no guarantee of a risk-free environment as the virus pays no attention to government regulations and levels as this virus operates on level 5 **AT ALL TIMES**. We have however implemented the 5 golden rules and all the

health protocols to the best of our limited experience in scenarios such as these in an attempt to mitigate infection.

GRADE 7 RETURN

We have welcomed back approximately 50% of all our grade sevens. This process has indeed been very challenging and nerve racking as we are constantly dealing with unknown scenarios. The learners in attendance have each been issued with 2x face masks. The orientation programme remains in place for the next 2 weeks. We are requesting of all parents who send learners to school to please peruse the information pack sent to learners on Monday 8 June 2020. Most important items being the following

1. Correct parent information as a vital detail: WhatsApp no, email, address, emergency contact
2. Completing the comorbidity form and returning it to school ASAP.
3. NOT sending a learner to school who is ill, has a fever or a persistent cough.

UNDERTAKING OF COMMITMENT FROM THE SCHOOL

- Please be advised that no learner will be deregistered from CEMIS for the full 2020 academic year.
- Delta Primary shall undertake to offer distance learning support to every learner at our school for the full 2020 academic year. Parents must however be reminded that the role of monitoring the school work becomes part of the parental responsibility going forward.
- NO LEARNER shall be left behind during this period. Staff are currently preparing work booklets (CAPS aligned) for each learner whether they are at school or not. The school will be in contact with you in this regard

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

It is extremely important that parents check the school-website for regular updates with regards to academics, notices and urgent information. We have slowly moved our operations to digital platform and encourage regular interaction with the website which is to be found on

<https://deltaprimar.org.za/>

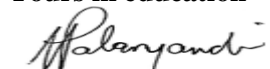
Staff – members will also be using the WhatsApp class groups to communicate specific grade / class information during this period. We have made the application for a zero-rating on the school website and are awaiting a response from DBE in this regard. Should the response be positive, it will mean that our learners will not incur data costs when accessing the school website for academic support.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Our strength in these trying times comes from our past experience, which reminds us that we have the strength and aptitude to overcome the greatest obstacles life presents us. Please be safe and do take care of yourself and your loved ones

Have a pleasant weekend!

Yours in education



Parent signature: _____

Mr. H. Palanyandi [Principal]

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