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At this stage it is difficult to have a global schedule for sport activities as all fixtures are subject to COVID regulations and the situations of the opposing schools. The Grey fixture which was scheduled for 19-21 August will therefore not take place. Based on the current COVID situation in Stellenbosch and the number of learners who are isolating, we have suspended all sport practices and matches for this week.

The assessment for term 2 was completed successfully and parents received their son's progress report. It is a good indication of areas which need attention and we appeal to all learners, who did not achieve the desired results to put in an all-out effort to improve their overall marks. Congratulations to all learners who achieved excellent results. The Top 20 list for all grades will be available on the website.

Currently 2,6 % of our learners have tested positive for COVID, of which most had contracted the virus from family members or from friends at social events. We once again appeal to all learners to take heed of all COVID protocols and avoid social gatherings where they let their guards down. There were also COVID positive cases in our hostel and we manage it to the best of our ability. We have, therefore sent many learners home to isolate for 10 days. Many learners opt to test as they are eager to return to school and then they get a positive result without even being ill.

Once again take note of the arrangements when isolating:

During isolation, if he should test 5 days after contact, and the test is negative, then he may return to school. The proof of the negative test needs to be sent to the grade head. If the test is positive, then he needs to isolate 10 days from when the positive result was obtained. Please inform the grade head if this is the case. He may then return only if he is symptom free after 10 days of isolation.

In the case where a member of the household is positive, then the learner must isolate for 10 days. This will be applicable to siblings at PRG as well.

During tests/assessments, the learner will write on-line. It is therefore important that the grade head is informed if a learner is isolating. The learner must make sure that he keeps up to date with the work during this period, by accessing Google classroom, emailing the teacher and asking a friend for homework. Email addresses are available on the website.

Managing COVID is a daunting task as we deal with many unknowns. We once again appeal to our parents to support the school in helping to ensure a safe school environment and community.

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