



16 March 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Learners of Glenoaks (including Oak House),

Further to the communication sent out last night (15 March 2020) the management team of Glenoaks and Oak House have met with staff and would like to communicate the following to all stakeholders.

School will close tomorrow 17th March 2020 at 13:30 and aftercare will be available until 17:30.

School will re-open for term 2 on Tuesday 5 May 2020 for learners (Monday 4 May 2020 for staff).

Continued Schoolwork

Teachers and therapists are in the process of completing work packs for their learners. These packs are COMPULSORY and marks for these will be allocated towards term 2.

Teachers will send you website links, WhatsApp messages, video and voice notes, emails, etc. as possible and specific to your class.

We would like to ask that these packs be physically collected and signed for by parents on:

Wed 18 March 2020 between 13:30 and 16:00

Thurs 19 March 2020 between 7:00 and 14:00

Friday 20 March 2020 between 7:00 and 12:00

In the school hall.

Staff are available to assist their learners, at specified times, until Tuesday 7 April 12:00. This may be over WhatsApp, email or phone as per their individual messages to you.

Term 1 Reports

There are a variety of assessments that were scheduled for the learners during the last few weeks of term. These are being accommodated for by teachers where possible either as work to complete at home or tests to be rescheduled in term 2.

Any adaptations or assessments still to take place will be noted on this term's report and by term 2 these will be reflected as final.

Reports for Term 1 will still be available for collection on Tuesday 7 April between 7:00 and 14:00, from the school hall.

Information on term 1 parent feedbacks will follow in term 2



Events

The following events are postponed:

- Haneline's Parent Support Group
- Games Evening
- Grantley Information Morning
- Walkathon

New dates will follow in term 2.

School Calendar Revised for 2020

Please find attached a Revised School Calendar for 2020. We have made up the time missed by shortening holidays, half terms and holding parent feedbacks in the afternoons.

We do realise that staff and families have planned holidays and that this change may have an impact. These times away are important and valuable for us as parents and for our children, and that rescheduling is not always possible. Please still go away and we will make arrangements to catch up work as necessary.

School Deep Cleaning

Thorough cleaning of the school will take place over this week. Classrooms and therapy rooms will then be closed until the new term. Staff coming in and out of their classrooms and therapy rooms will be required to re-sanitise the space.

Maintenance staff will then from the 28th of April complete another cleaning process.

This cleaning includes light switches, door handles, stationery, keyboards, desks, railings, bathrooms, taps, kitchen equipment, etc.

Monitoring our Learners

Let us remember that our learners may be spending a lot of time on electronic devices and social media during this lengthy time at home.

Please remember to monitor and supervise what they are being exposed to and what they are playing/messaging/videoing/searching

Please limit their time on computers, with television, on cell phones, with electronic games, on tablets etc. These can be beneficial but must be balanced.

Let us encourage play, physical activity, helping around with chores at home (important life skills), reading, building lego, drawing, painting, puzzles

Confirmed Cases Arising in Our School Community

Please confirm with us if there are any CONFIRMED cases impacting directly on your children, or if yourselves or your child is CONFIRMED to have the Corona Virus.



If your child or yourselves were in direct contact with someone with the Corona Virus and if your doctor is concerned, please also let us know.

You can send this information to your child's teacher as well as to myself kcaldeira@glenoaks.org.za

Thank you for continuing to assist our school community. This will enable us to easily send information to authorities if needed.

In Closing

We wish to thank parents for your continued support at this time. We acknowledge the impact that closing of schools has on many aspects of all of our lives.

This is a change that we have not experienced before, it is anxiety provoking, but it is a change that we will overcome. It is important for us to remain calm for our children. They are extremely aware of the current dynamic and the panic of some.

Please remember to take all necessary precautions of washing hands, sanitising, deep cleaning, keeping our immune systems strong (vaccinations, vitamin supplements etc., as advised by your doctor), coughing into a tissue, maintaining physical distance from others, elbow greeting rather than hand shaking or hugging etc.

We also need please to remember to stay away from public spaces. This is not a time for movies, arcades, malls and public places with many risks. It is a time rather to play board games, play outside, read books, have conversations and just enjoy being together during the evenings and on weekends.

We will be ok. We have to have faith that if we take precautions we will come out on the other side having learnt a great deal.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Caldeira
Principal

On behalf of Glenoaks Management Team and Board