

# **Tamboerskloof Primary School**

## **Principal's report**

### **Lockdown 2020**

03 July 2020

Dearest Tambi family,

**More confusion reigns for all of us as the Minister made yet another announcement that takes everybody by surprise. The announcement took everybody by surprise as nobody received prior notification about this. We were alerted to the notification via Twitter and only received official communication last night from WCED.**

#### **Returning to School for Grades R, and 6 ONLY for now.**

Only Gr R and 6 will be returning to school along with the Gr 7 learners on 6 July 2020. We now await the new dates to be gazetted by the Minister.

I am well aware that schools are allowed to apply for a deviation to allow learners to return to school earlier. After consultation with the SMT (Command Council at school), we decided NOT to apply for this concession. Although we are ready to receive the learners back at school, we feel that the longer learners stay at home, the safer they will be, especially because we are currently going through the peak of this pandemic. This will also be better for the two grades staggered to settle in like the Gr 7's did, before the next group arrives back.

We therefore await the announcement of the return of the next grades to be stated in the next government gazette.

We also ask that you be a little patient with us in loading the work on the google drive and Classdojo as the teachers were preparing to teach in the classrooms from next week. This obviously needs to change now with the other grades not being permitted at school.

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**6. School attendance**

*My understanding of school attendance is as follows.*

*Three options are given.*

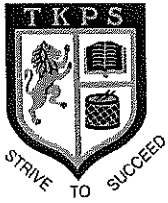
- 1. Schooling continues as usual.*
  
- 2. Application to continue to work from home with the assistance of parents. (Parents make arrangements with the school to receive and or access work and to return work when required to do so). This needs to be applied for and agreed to by the school. Parents take responsibility for the education of their child/ren. Your child will then not be deregistered. Evidence of comorbidities must be attached to the application.*
  
- 3. Application for home schooling. The school needs to be notified and the application must be submitted to the WCED. This will mean that the child will be deregistered and you have to subscribe for proper home schooling. Should you wish to at a later stage enrol your child in a public school again, you will have to follow the online procedure.*

*I am awaiting the official letter from the SG of Education with regards to the above mentioned situation and will send a letter to those parents who have applied as soon as it becomes available. In the mean time you may correspond with the school in connection with your decision.  
tamboerskloofschool@gmail.com*

Yours faithfully



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Dear Parents / Guardians

The DBE / WCED have given parents the following options with regards to the decision of schooling for their child/ren. The options are listed below. Please read through the options carefully and indicate at the end which option your family has made with regards to your child's education.

## 1. School

- Your child comes to school as per normal on the dates they are required to.
- Work will be given to them when they are in class, and sent home with them on the dates they are to stay at home.
- Assessments are written at school.

## 2. Remote Home Schooling

- Your child stays at home and does remote learning with the work the school provides.
- As a family, you would have to register with the school to work from home.
- Email Mrs Mullins (secretary) about this decision and attach the reply slip below. Email to [tamboerskloofschooll@gmail.com](mailto:tamboerskloofschooll@gmail.com)
- Parents / guardians / caregivers to take responsibility for teaching / learning with the work materials provided by the class teacher.
- Parents / guardians must be available to collect or return work to school as and when it is required.
- Assessments to be written at school on specific days that the teacher will communicate to you.
- Household should be set up for remote learning (e.g. access to a device with internet to receive regular communication with class teacher)
- The school has communicated that a drive-in and download centre on the top field will be available for you to download work from Tambi's Google Drive. Please check the Principal's Lockdown Report (29 June 2020) for more information.

## 3. Home Education

- Your child deregisters from Tamboerskloof Primary.
- Tamboerskloof Primary has to be notified as per the reply slip below attached in an email to Mrs Mullins at [tamboerskloofschooll@gmail.com](mailto:tamboerskloofschooll@gmail.com) .
- Apply with the Provincial Department (WCED) and register with an online home school.
- If you would like your child to return to school, you would have to reapply online through the WCED. Currently, the application process is closed for the 2021 year.

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I, parent / guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_\_\_ hereby decide the following option:

Please tick the option your family has decided on for your child.

1. School

2. Home Schooling

3. Home Education

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_