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Dear valued A+ Parents

As we all know the Covid-19 virus has the whole world on high alert. The virus is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person generated through coughing and sneezing etc or through secretions of the skin like hands and surfaces infected with the virus. The virus can survive on surfaces for several hours but simple disinfectants can destroy it.

Symptoms can include fever, sore throat, coughing, difficulty in breathing, muscle pain, headache and fatigue. Should you or any member of your family become ill, isolate yourself at home and call your medical practitioner. Follow their instructions and try not have close contact with anyone else including your pets.

Thus far 61 cases have been reported and unfortunately transmission of the virus is happening in South Africa as well. In his address to the nation President Ramaphosa today has declared a national disaster. Included in the preventative measures that will be taken are that all schools including our A+ classes and branches will close this coming Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> until after the Easter long weekend on 15 April, furthermore all gatherings of more than 100 people have been prohibited.

Our regional competitions scheduled for May have thus been postponed to around August. Further details and dates will follow in due course. All international competitions and participations have also been cancelled until further notice.

The closures of the schools include the periods of the school holidays and the Easter long weekend thus limiting the actual loss of lesson time to about two weeks. To address the loss of the two weeks, additional catch up classes will be scheduled for June/July, Sept/Oct and December holiday school. We are looking at just under a month before schools return to any sort of semblance and Head Office has therefore approved the use of On-Line education as a temporary measure during this crises time to continue with lessons. Although this platform will never be able to replace our actual classroom tuition, during the next few weeks our teachers will be able to do some practice work and revision so that your child stays current with his/her work. Details regarding the On-Line platforms will follow shortly.

In order to be proactive as we interact with your children, when schools return we shall be implementing the following precautionary measures to ensure a healthy classroom environment.

These precautions will also be helpful in all households with the winter season in arms reach.

- Refrain from shaking hands, hugging or kissing when greeting
- Washing of hands regularly using soap and warm water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer



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- Cover mouth with a flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching face
- Avoid contact with anyone displaying cold or flu like symptoms
- Avoid sharing food and drinks
- Drinking enough fluids and eat correctly

For more information call the National Department of Health hotline: 0800029999

On resumption of A<sup>+</sup> classes we will be encouraging all our students to wash hands regularly with soap & water and/or use a hand sanitizer. All our teachers have been instructed to use hand sanitizers before and after each class and also wipe down all toys which have just been used. Sharing of books and any other learning materials is discouraged as well as any contact type activities.

Our franchisees and teachers are in constant contact with the various schools and should any information come to light that concerns the health of your child, they will not hesitate to inform you immediately. In addition our whole network has been instructed to inform our Head Office should they have been in contact with an infected person and you will then be informed accordingly.

We do love each and every child and do appreciate all the hugs, but for health reasons we have asked our teachers to refrain from this practice for the moment.

As a further precautionary measure Head Office will also make extensive use of hand sanitizers at Head Office to ensure the safe handling of books and toys.

The measures we are implementing are precautionary in nature and the risk of infection at the moment is relatively low. Should there be any concern however small regarding your child's health and safety we will not hesitate to take the necessary measures and you will be informed.

Working together we can all stay safe and healthy!

We appreciate your support co-operation.

Kind Regards.



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