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**TO: LEARNERS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS
TEACHERS, COORDINATORS & SUPPORT STAFF ON ALL PROGRAMS
STAR SCHOOLS STAFF & SUPPORT STAFF**

MANAGEMENT OF COVID 19 OUTBREAK

Though Star schools has **NOT** reported any COVID19 cases, following the Presidents' declaration of a national state of disaster, Star Schools Executive & Management team have decided to suspend all contact teaching with immediate effect. Staff have been instructed to cancel all contact meetings, and revert to the use of digital platforms to engage with stakeholders.

Our main campus building in Braamfontein will remain open and essential services will still be provided. Our Durban and Vaal staff will work remotely. Star schools have put contingency measures in place to safeguard the well being of our entire Star Schools community. The time lost in contact sessions will be recovered at a later stage. Management are working on redoing timetables and year plans in conjunction with the changes implemented by the Department of Education. These changes will be communicated as soon as possible.

The possibility of prolonged isolation is a reality. As such, we are looking at mitigating this risk by ensuring that we are able to operate on digital platforms, to ensure that teaching and learning continue for all stakeholders. Additional revision before key examinations will also be a priority. We will communicate further regarding this, should we be faced with utilising this avenue.

We have listened to our whole community in coming to this decision and we believe strongly it is the right one for all. The wellbeing of our staff and students will always be our number one priority and we hope you understand this measure has been taken as we believe this is best for our community.

Pandemonium ushers in a level of uneasiness for us all, but it also gives us opportunity to diversify and grow. Let us grow together.

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