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Dear Stakeholder,

MANAGEMENT OF PHASED RETURN TO CONTACT SESSIONS.

The presentation by the Department of Basic Education to Parliament on the 28th April, was not an official announcement and has caused a reasonable amount of anxiety and confusion. Following the Director Generals' presentation, for the phased return of learners, starting 6th of May, Star Schools has considered the following;

1. We will await the Ministers' final decision and directive before actioning any planned return for learners and educators.
2. We are in process of documenting a Health and Safety protocol to be followed.
3. Our campuses will be disinfected before classes resume. Strict sanitisation of all areas will be ongoing throughout the day. Social distancing measures will be strictly observed.
4. We are geared to ensuring all protocols in line with our H&S plan is strictly adhered to.
5. Measures will be put in place to limit class sizes according to capacity, in line with protocols.
6. Timetables are in process of being revised and will be distributed as soon as they are available.
7. We will start with our largest groups being allowed back first.
8. Once we are certain that learners can be safely accommodated for contact sessions, Phase 2 will entail us bringing in the second largest group and so forth, until such time as we are back at delivering full lessons to all learners.
9. Personal protective equipment will be provided to all educators and learners. Hall monitors will ensure that protocols are adhered to, ensuring the safety of all, whether it be sanitising or distancing protocols.
10. Our staff will operate on a rotational skeleton staff basis.
11. We hope to usher in a phase of new normal that will ensure the safety of our entire community.

For now, Stay home! Stay Safe.

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