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Dear Gr 7's and Parents,

THE RETURN OF GRADE 7'S TO SCHOOL

The Minister of Education announced that the teachers will return to school on 25 May and the Gr 7 learners on 1 June 2020. There are still many unanswered questions and even the things that we are sure of today, may still change tomorrow. The staff of Charlo Primary would like to assure you of one thing that will not change, and that is that we are here for you and ready to welcome you back. We have been planning and preparing throughout this lockdown for your return and even though there are still many uncertainties regarding how the curriculum will be adapted for the rest of the year, we are not worried because we know where to place the focus of our teaching.

Gr 7's, you will have to realise that when you come back, there will have to be changes, but your class teachers will guide you through this. On your return we will do a COVID-19 orientation session with all Gr 7's. Please study the orientation protocol that was posted on D6 as well.

During the lockdown very little information was passed down to Principals from the Department of Education. We, like our parents, received most of our information from the news. I realise that there are many questions and I hope to answer them as soon as we receive training and the necessary information from our District Office. I would like to answer three of the questions that parents contacted me about.

1. MAY I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS?

Only children with the following underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, will be considered a high risk and may stay at home. The school will assist these parents and children with work. (medical proof of child's condition is required). As soon as we receive the directives of the Department of Education as to how to support those with the following comorbidities, we will convey the information to you:

- High blood pressure
- Congestive cardiac failure or other serious cardiovascular disease
- Cerebrovascular disease, including stroke
- Pulmonary tuberculosis - untreated or in early treatment
- Moderate to severe asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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- Other severe chronic lung pathology, including cystic fibrosis and bronchiectasis
- Chronic kidney disease
- Type II diabetes
- Cancer undergoing active treatment
- Human immunodeficiency Virus
- Chronic immunosuppressant use
- Transplant

All other Gr 7 children must report for school on the 1st of June. (Please read letter regarding Home-schooling on D6)

2. WHAT IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TOO SMALL?

The Gr 7's may wear summer or winter uniform for the remainder of the year. The clothing bank will also be able to assist with second-hand clothes. No parent may enter the school with his / her child to go to the clothing bank. Sonette will help the learners to find something that will fit. If the parent is not happy with the item of clothing, the child may return it the following day. Gr 7's whose uniforms do not fit, may wear civvies for the first week until they have had a chance to visit the clothing bank. No make-up or revealing clothing will be allowed!

3. WHAT TIME WILL SCHOOL START?

Times are still to be determined. We will have different times for the Gr 7A girls, Gr 7A boys, Gr 7E girls and Gr 7E boys to be dropped off at the gate nearest to the garages. This will avoid overcrowding at the gate as everyone's hands need to be sanitized and temperatures need to be monitored. Parents must please not leave until their child has been screened. **We depend on parents to keep their children home should they show any of the COVID-19 symptoms: Fever; cough; shortness of breath; sore throat OR if they had direct contact with someone known to have contracted the Coronavirus, within the previous 14 days.**

In preparation for the opening of our school, Charlo Primary has already acquired all the necessary PPE for our staff, workers, and Gr 7 learners. Our workers will return on Monday, 25 May and will focus that day on the cleaning of the school grounds. On the 26th of May, the workers and staff will be trained by Bidvest on sanitizing and cleaning of surfaces. The school will be sanitized and clean by the 1st of June.

Should you have any other questions, please contact the class teacher.

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