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FUTURE NATION SCHOOLS RESPONSE TO THE NATION-WIDE LOCKDOWN

To Families of Future Nation Schools

This communication provides guidance on how Future Nation Schools is dealing with the announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa of a nation-wide lockdown which will last from midnight on Thursday 26 March until midnight Thursday 16 April. The lock-down is a welcomed decision by our President as it is paramount to protecting lives and curbing the spread of coronavirus.

We understand that this nation-wide lockdown is going to be a very difficult time for all of us as we adjust to the unfamiliar territory of staying at home with limited movement. Please do not panic. Let's support one another, our families and loved ones, friends and our communities, even if it can only be at a distance. We appeal to you to practice physical but not emotional and social distancing by reaching out to those you know might be particularly affected by this pandemic.

We must take the nation-wide lockdown, restrictions and advice seriously and act responsibly. Remember that we all have a responsibility not only to ourselves, but also to those within our broader community who are particularly vulnerable to the negative impact of coronavirus.

ONLINE WORK, LEARNING AND TEACHING

Future Nation Schools/Preschools closure and resumption of operations

Following the President's nation-wide lockdown announcement, FNS/FNP teachers and admin staff will return to school on Friday 17 April. Students will return to school on Monday 20 April 2020. Teachers and admin staff will work from home during their scheduled or voluntary working days during the nation-wide lockdown.

Data support for working from home for teachers and admin staff

During the period of the nation-wide lockdown, all our teachers and admin staff have been setup with remote internet access. This will allow all of our staff to continue working, albeit from home.

Internet access for parents and students

We conducted a survey of availability of internet access and devices amongst all of our parents and students as part of making sure that learning and teaching can continue during the nation-wide lockdown. It is pleasing to know that almost 85% of our parents and students have internet access at their homes, which means that we can digitally distribute learning and teaching material to most parents and students and make manual alternative distribution plans for the balance of about 15% of those without internet access.



Learning and teaching

From the first week of April, our teachers will send supplementary learning and teaching materials that families are encouraged to use to ensure that the children continue to learn and maintain routines which are important to keep them occupied and engaged.

Online distance learning will resume on the 31 March and parents will receive detailed information from teachers about what to expect going forward.

We will remain in touch if there are any major developments during the nation-wide lockdown.

Best wishes

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