



Dear Parents

There has been a sharp rise in the Covid-19 infection rate over the past weeks and as a school we have to be very strict in ensuring adherence to the Covid regulations. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 virus has already caused loss of life to family and friends of staff and students at our school. Therefore, we must be extra vigilant. As far as possible we will try and keep our school safe and risk free, but we can only achieve this with our parents' help in this regard.

In accordance with the Covid-19 regulations:

1. SICK (OR SYMPTOMATIC) LEARNERS CANNOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL!

Learners who arrive at school sick and/or present symptoms related to Covid will be sent home immediately. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made.

If a learner misses a test for ANY reason, he/she will be able to write a sick test when they return to school.

2. REGULATION REQUIRES THAT ALL CITIZENS WEAR MASKS.

- Learners must wear an approved face mask at all times – this also applies when travelling on public transport or walking home. **NO BUFFS, BANDANNAS, or BALACLAVAS ARE ALLOWED.**
- Learners are required to carry a spare mask and the school will NOT issue any masks.
- It is legislated that all citizens need to wear an approved face-a mask and the school will be forced to send learners home that do not comply with this – **sadly we are beyond a stage of issuing warnings as these have been largely ignored.**

3. REGULATIONS WITH REGARDS TO SOCIAL DISTANCING.

- Learners **MUST** observe social distancing of 1.5m as all times, this includes while waiting for transport. Physical contact is not allowed under any circumstances. Learners are seen hugging friends outside school grounds on their way home, this puts them at great risk.
- Learners are not allowed to share food, stationary or anything else.

4. REGULATIONS WITH REGARDS TO RISK MANAGEMENT.

Parent, consider the roles reversed? How would you react if the school allowed another child who is ill or showing Covid-19 symptoms to sit next to your child in class? Please consider the safety of all learners, teachers and staff.

The following is critically important:

- Do **NOT** send your child to school if;
 - he/she was in close contact with a Covid -19 positive person.
 - he/she has tested for Covid-19 and is still waiting for the test results.
 - he/she is ill and/or displaying Covid related symptoms (shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat, body aches, redness of eyes, loss of smell, loss of taste, nausea, vomit, diarrhoea, fatigue/weakness).
 - he/she has tested Covid-19 positive

5. Please inform the school immediately in the event of any of the above.

Teachers and staff have had extensive training related to the management of Covid-19 and are thus able to advise you on necessary steps to take going forward:

- a. Learners must sanitise their hands every time when entering a class.
- b. Parents are reminded that any form of abuse, whether verbal or physical, towards staff and leaders, who ensure compliance to these regulations at our school will not be tolerated.

6. Grade 12 learners

As our grade 12 learners start preparing for their exams, the SGB encourages parents to apply additional care with their personal safety and as far as possible avoid large social gatherings or Covid hotspots. This is a critical time for our seniors, and should they need to be quarantined, they risk missing more school or even exams.

We ask that all parents please work with the school to ensure a safer learning environment. And to contact us on sgb@roodies.co.za for any queries.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Your SGB