

11 January 2021

To all Khanyisa parents

We wish to welcome all learners and parents of Khanyisa Education Centre back to what is already turning out to be a very difficult year. A special word of welcome to our new learners, particularly our new Grade 8 learners. We trust that you will enjoy a rewarding and enjoyable stay with us.

We had envisaged a totally different start to the new year, but the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have forced us to change our plans. We had planned to welcome back learners and parents at various Grade meetings, but due to difficulties with Social distancing and maximum numbers, this is not possible at this time.

### **Restarting School in 2021**

The school offices open on Wednesday 13 January 2021 as from 08h00. All new admissions and administrative matters can be finalised then. Educators start on Thursday 14 January 2021.

The Department of Basic Education has stated that despite the issues around Covid -19, it is still targeting to reopen schools as decided last year. The Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA) and the National Alliance of Independent Schools have indicated that Independent Schools should reopen, but must use caution and observe all Covid-19 protocols. Khanyisa has therefore decided to welcome learners back on a staggered approach as follows:

Wednesday 13 January 2021	Offices open. Management, Admin Staff and Support Staff
Thursday 14 January 2021	Educators return
Friday 15 January 2021	<b><u>Collection of Text Books, Stationery, Time Table etc.</u></b> Grade 12 learners - 08h00 - 09h30 (Library) Grade 11 learners - 10h00 - 11h30 (T&S)
Monday 18 January 2021	<b><u>Grade 7 Orientation and collection of textbooks (8:00 – 11:00)</u></b> <b><u>All Grade 7 Learners report at 8:00 to the high school office in full school uniform</u></b> Grade 10 Text Book Issue (09h00 – 10h30) (T&S)
Tuesday 19 January 2021	<b><u>Grade 8 Orientation and collection of textbooks (8:00 – 11:00)</u></b> <b><u>All Grade 8 Learners report at 8:00 to the high school office in full school uniform</u></b> Grade 9 Text Book, Stationery and Time Table Issue (09h00 – 10h30)
Wednesday 20 January 2021	<b>Normal lessons for Grades 9, 10 and 12 (3 Grade rotation – alternate days)</b>
Thursday 21 January 2021	<b>Normal lessons for Grades 7, 8 and 11 (3 Grade rotation – alternate days)</b>

We have done this in this manner because we are not sure what government is envisaging with regard to schools. We therefore wanted to get text books and stationery out to learners as soon as possible in order to get them working. Because of Covid -19 we also have to start the year on a

three grade rotational time table as we did last year, where learners attend every alternate day. Learners will each receive a time table indicating when their classes will happen.

Class teaching will start on Wednesday 20 January 2021, a week before the public schools open. The teaching will happen both in contact (every alternate day) as well as on the electronic platforms, via Google Classroom, Whatts App etc.

### **Covid -19 protocols, self isolation and safety**

Please ensure that your child is familiar with all of the Covid – 19 protocols, as they will be done every day. Temperature screening, sanitisation of hands, maintaining social distance and sanitizing their desk and their chairs when they enter classrooms are all part of the daily routine at Khanyisa. We did not have a single case of infection last year, but we must be extra vigilant this year. Also make sure that your child has a mask every day. The mask should preferably be a cloth mask. If your child has a face visor, they can wear that together with the mask. The wearing of masks is compulsory and no learner will be allowed to enter the school without a mask.

All learners or staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 or has been in close contact with a person who has had the coronavirus must self - isolate for a period of 14 days and must remain at home. All persons who have crossed a provincial border or international border, or who have returned to Giyani from a Covid- 19 hotspot, but who has not tested positive for Covid-19 and show no symptoms, must as a precaution, self - isolate for seven days from their arrival in Giyani, and must remain at home. **Parents and learners must please not be dishonest about this, or try to hide this as we cannot take risks with the health and lives of others. Where learners are self - isolating due to Covid-19, parents must please inform the school on 082 200 4625.**

### **Fee Accounts and Fee Payments**

Unfortunately fee payments have not been kept up to date in November and December 2020.

Thank you to parents who have kept payments up to date we appreciate your support.

Unfortunately not everyone has done so. Some parents still owe fees for 2020. Unfortunately, no learner will be readmitted in 2021 if fees for 2020 are still outstanding. Such learners, unfortunately will not be placed in classes at the start of the year and no stationery or text books can be issued to learners, where fee accounts have outstanding amounts for 2020. Parents are urged to please settle outstanding 2020 accounts, to avoid problems on re-registration of learners.

### **Tuck Shop**

Unfortunately, due to the Covid – 19 pandemic, the tuck shop will remain closed for the foreseeable future. No sales will be done and parents will have to provide learners with a packed lunch on a daily basis.

### **School Uniform**

We are no longer selling items of school uniform from school any longer. All items of school uniform must be sourced from SASEKANI. I have been informed that uniform in all sizes are available from the store and parents can source items from there.

Thanking you for your co-opera