



14 May 2020

Dear Saints Family

The second term has begun well, and I thank you for the positive feedback we have received regarding our online and distance learning programmes. I am pleased that our students are engaged and applying themselves. I am also most grateful for your ongoing support.

Three areas which are front of mind for all of us are:

1. When will schools reopen for onsite learning?

We continue to wait for the directive from Minister Angie Motshekga detailing the phased reopening of schools. In the interim we are putting in place all the necessary measures to open our St Stithians Campus when permitted. We will be ready to welcome our students, and this includes a detailed workplace plan of action which we will share with you nearer the time. We will only be able to restructure the 2020 school calendar once we have greater clarity regarding the lifting of restrictions.

2. Access to the Campus

As much as we would like to make the St Stithians campus available to parents and alumni for exercise, until we are certain that we are able to comply with the legal requirements of the Department of Basic Education, we will have to keep the campus closed.

3. Financial Tensions

We are cognizant that families are experiencing financial strain and are most grateful that families continue to honour their commitments to the College. We are investigating various options to give parents some financial relief while still ensuring the sustainability of our College. These will be presented to Fincom on Friday 22nd May and my intention is to then communicate these agreed measures to you soon thereafter.

4. Covid19 Communications

We have established a specific COVID-19 email address should you have specific questions related to our current situation. I encourage you to send through your questions to this address and we will respond accordingly. The address is Covid19queries@stithian.com.

I ask for your continued patience and understanding as we all navigate our way through these uncertain times.

May God continue to watch over our Saints community.

Warmest wishes

Celeste Gilardi

Rector: St Stithians College

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