



30 April 2020

Dear One and All

Term 2 - Be Stronger One & All

I greet you warmly as we prepare for the beginning of Term 2. I trust that you and your family have managed to keep well and healthy during this challenging time. It's important too, that your children have had time to rest during the holidays.

We are in our 34th day of lockdown and our theme for 2020 #BeStrongerOneandAll continues to come to life in our community. In particular, I would like to thank you for your participation and generous contributions to our Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy #FreedomDayRun and #FamilyHomeChallenge. The generosity and support of One and All raised R50,350 for the Thandulwazi Academic Scholarship Programme and a further R2,475 for our three other Thandulwazi Programmes. These programmes are focused on historically disadvantaged learners, student-teachers and teachers.

In addition, thank you for your ongoing support of the #SaintsMoments campaign. We have been flooded with memorable moments from alumni, parents, staff and students. Keep your Saints Moments coming to moments@stithian.com and view them on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, with weekly updates on our www.stithian.com website.

At the time of writing this letter, we have not received official communication from our Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshegka, as to whether Level 4 entails a phased onsite opening of schools. Please rest assured, that should we be given the go ahead to re-open schools onsite, we will communicate with you in detail as to the health and safety measures which will be put in place to ensure the safety and continued health of our students, staff and parents. We are well prepared for an onsite opening of the school and our task teams have sought the contribution of experts in various fields. Once we receive the directive from government that we may offer an onsite programme, we will send a survey to parents. The focus of the survey will be to ascertain those who opt for an on campus and learning programme which will further enhance the online and distance offering.

Equally, we are ready for school to resume online for students on Tuesday 5th May. We are excited to share with you, and our students, our enhanced online curriculum. I am most grateful to our staff who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to ensure that our offering continues to be that which is synonymous with St Stithians: student-centered excellence. In due course, the Heads of schools will communicate details pertinent to their respective schools.

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In this ever changing context we have developed a document which will guide our decisions going forward – please click on [the link](#) to read further.

I encourage you to contact me should you have questions of a general nature or about your school on rector@stithian.com. If your query is of a more specific nature relating to your children, please contact the Head of your child's school.

We continue to hold our St Stithians community in our prayers and hearts. I ask that we practice kindness and compassion with each other as we continue to make our individual contributions to our Saints community of belonging. Ephesians 4:32a reminds us to: "be kind, helpful and tender-hearted to one another."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Gilardi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Mrs Celeste Gilardi
Incoming Rector