

To the Deutsche Internationale Schule Pretoria school community:

Covid 19 Information Update Letter from Head of Operations & CV19 Compliance Officer

Update Information:

Current developments remain fluid, fast-moving and forever changing in many respects, as Gauteng continues to be the epicentre of the virus. Nevertheless, there is positive news on many fronts, which I will address further below.

Most important for all of us is that we remain vigilant and persist with our protocols of prevention, mitigation, overall health hygiene and social distancing. We cannot relax yet! Despite best efforts, we can never control all environments and contacts fully, but we can indeed all help to keep transmissions level low. That only works if we all do our part with the procedures and protocols.

Before I continue, I would like to thank and show great gratitude to all involved in playing their role in keeping us calm, safe and healthy:

- all the staff at school – being there from bright and early to help with the welcoming of our children to school, every day, in the cold and dust, and working tirelessly till the end,
- all the parents for cooperating with the various protocols when dropping and collecting their children,
- all the children for being cheery and excited to be at school, helping to play their part in diligently wearing their masks/shields, washing hands and adhering to social distancing (as hard as that is).

So far, we can proudly state that, as a whole DSP community, we have done exceedingly well in keeping the school open throughout this time. Yes, we had some positive CV19 cases within our school community; but thankfully for us, it was never identified at school or transmitted within our school. The low numbers and cases clearly show that.

The very few positive cases we had, were either identified outside school, in the holiday period or in the rotational phases. We were always quick to isolate any possible contacts, notified all possible contacts and asked staff, parents and learners to remain at home until self-isolation periods lapsed or negative tests were returned.

There never was a time when we, as management and the Schulverein Board, ever needed to consider closing parts or the whole school. We always managed matters accordingly and had our affairs fully under control. This is also clearly shown by the continued operation of the school, zero transmissions at school and the absence of any reporting for the last 3 weeks.

We once again implore all members of the school, to not listen to, spread or act on vague suspicions or rumours. If there are urgent matters of vital



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importance to report to the whole community, then we will not hesitate to do that. As detailed above, our processes and procedures are clear – and “they are working”, as attested to us by numerous parents and associated experts.

We can thus all say, we have worked extremely hard and well together. We continue to rely and depend on you, as parents, teachers and staff, to follow the prescribed health and safety protocols and procedures and kindly request; that you continue to place your trust in the professionals at the school, follow our guidelines and remain calm, safe and healthy.

A last request: please stick to the 30km/h speed limit, preferably below it, to ensure safety and thinner dust clouds for all. We note some parents have a heavy accelerator foot in some instances. Please slow down. Thank you.

Please remember to also continuously monitor for any contacts and/or symptoms. When in any doubt, please rather choose to remain at home. In general, please remember to forward your requests and questions to the PRC leadership, so we can bundle and respond accordingly. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Lastly, from management and from the board, we would like to again thank all parents, teachers and staff for their cooperation, assistance, patience and input. Together, we will persevere and work to be a stronger school community. Let us remain steadfast and work together!

Please stay calm, safe and healthy!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
With kind regards



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