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### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Letter 6: School re-opening

Dear Parents



I have no doubt that many of you are feeling somewhat perplexed right now as to when schools will be officially re-opening. The meeting televised at 10:00 this morning on Channel 408 shared what, at this stage, can only be seen as a proposal and we will need to wait for the Minister of Basic Education, Angie Matsie Motshekga, to address the nation. The Minister's address which is scheduled to take place tomorrow, as far as we understand, will hopefully give further clarity as to when and how schools will be re-opened.

Please be assured that we will provide very clear information to you as and when the decision is made to re-open St George's Preparatory School. As an independent school, there are certain rights and responsibilities we may observe and again as soon as we have better clarity as to what these are, we will share them with our community. We as a nation are certainly not all in the same boat despite popular belief, but we certainly are all in the same storm. This pandemic crisis has exposed the vast inequalities we suffer as a nation, particularly with respect to our children's education. Therefore a one size fits all model would be far from ideal and I certainly do not envy the challenges this brings for all our decision makers at this time.

At this stage, we have resigned ourselves to the fact that in all likelihood we will remain closed for all grades for the remainder of Term 2 and will continue with our distance learning and online platforms, with our teachers and staff working remotely from home. However, once the government clarifies the public schools' opening dates, we will send out a survey to you our parents, to allow for your feedback on the re-opening process and to guide us as to how this will best suit the needs of our community.

Please know that your safety and the safety of all our children is and will continue to be at the forefront of all our decision making. We trust all our families are safe and well at this time and we encourage you to continue to stay at home and to look after yourselves. God bless!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Hall', written over a white background.

Alex Hall