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Dear Parent and Guardian

We trust that this letter finds your family safe and healthy. Our country experienced many challenges in the past month.

SAFETY: The Police and SADF have more patrols deployed in Atteridgeville and they are working in day and night shifts to be visible in the community. All security measures were checked and service providers are on alert to report possible threats immediately. Please let us know if there are any other safety precautions we need to take or threats that you are aware of in our community.

COVID UPDATE: The school will stay closed as per the president's speech on Sunday evening. Our first day back at school will be Monday 26 July 2021. We will keep a close eye on development regarding the infection rate in our community. Infections seem to be down a little in Gauteng but Atteridgeville is still a hotspot area. One of our biggest challenges in the weeks before the schools closed were parents who allowed their children to attend school while they were waiting for their test results. It is by the grace of God that we did not experience more infections within our school community. It is a choice like this that places the community at risk. As far as I know, not one of the teachers in isolation developed symptoms or tested positive for Covid during that time. We can say with confidence that our learners and teachers follow protocols when it comes to sanitising and the wearing of masks. Where learners transgressed, we addressed their behaviour and followed up with a notification to parents who had to sign acknowledgement of the disciplinary action.

Most of our staff received their jobs at the Atteridgeville Community Hall. The service was well organised and managed. We thank our Health Workers for the excellence with which they are serving the community.

ACADEMICS: We were pro-active and can confirm that all grades received printed work for the week from 19 to 23 July before we closed for an earlier holiday. Should it not be safe to return to school on 26 July, we will start with online learning. In cases where learners could not attend in the last week of school and they did not receive their printed packs, it can be collected from security at the gate. Names and Grades are written on the printed pack for each child who did not receive a pack. Teachers will be available online from Monday 19 July, when we would have been back at school for parent and learner questions via mail. Please find the e-mail addresses attached to this mail. Our reports can only be finalised once we allow learners who were absent during assessment week to complete their assessments (once back at school). Learners will write their first paper on the day they return to school. For each learner the papers missed will be different. We will start with English and Maths. More detail will be shared with parents per phase.

LOSS OF LOVED ONES It is with sadness that we learned of the passing away of Dr Nkomo. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the Nkomo family who have a long history with PEPPS Motheong. In the past few months many of us had to deal with the loss of a loved one. We know that processing this loss is not always easy. In cases where learners are challenged to process trauma that they went through because of the loss of a loved one, please let us know as to support. Where the loss of a loved one affected the ability of a family to meet financial commitments to the school, please let the principal know as to follow up.

RE-REGISTRATION 2022 link for parents: <https://forms.gle/RFdUfv96fh2xYRhBA>

PLEASE look after yourselves and your loved ones. Stay Safe.

Yours in Education

JJ Berrange - Principal

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