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Dear Parent and Guardian

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire and took time to provide us with their valuable opinion, advice and current situation that they experience. We took advice from specialist in different fields as well. After listening to the minister's speech, we decided to continue with school as planned on Monday. The school will monitor the situation day by day and be prepared to close at any time if the numbers rise and if it is needed. We have been closed for a week and now we aim to complete the assessments as soon as possible before we have to close again. We will be able to send learners home with a starter pack for Term 3 as well. Just another week at home will not make a difference.

To summarise the feedback of most parents:

- **YES, lets open!** The school and parents have maintained good standards and there had not been cluster outbreaks in the school or a peak in numbers this far. The assessment will take less than two weeks and the school holiday starts on 8 July. I think we can make it till then. I think we should save the holiday days in the bank should the DOE do a total shutdown later on in July. I think the school must continue with its academic programme as planned, more so that even public schools are continuing with lessons and assessment.
- **NO, we need to say at home!** The rising trend of daily Covid cases is worrying, and our fear is that with the school re-opening, parents and teachers (not vaccinated yet) place all at risk. I know that sometimes the little ones are reluctant when having to adhere to the protocols. I suggest we keep school closed for another week while trying other ways to keep the calendar going. I suggest we stay home and implement online learning or drive through collection of school work. Let's help one another by saving lives, the more movement the greater chance of infecting one another, stay at home and save lives. Current data shows that even school kids are infected. Please provide learners with work for the week like we did in the beginning of the year.

Data suggests:

All parents received an e-mail or SMS (according to preference listed on d6)

362 families/ 682 families responded = 53% of our families responding

- 84% of our families are safe and had no contact with a Covid positive case
- 2,6% are having a positive Covid person in the household now.
- 0,3% have a family member in another household positive
- 1% Has/had flu
- 0,5% Just completed isolation period
- 0,3% waiting for results
- 0,2% Had contact a Covid positive case a few days ago
- 95% of our families are healthy and can return to school
- 43% indicated that we should return to school on Monday
- 57% chose to stay at home another week as to mitigate possible infections.
- On 18 June 2021 we have 10540 positive cases an average of 9498 per 7 days which accounts to 7498 more cases per 7 days than we had when we decided to reopen schools before.

When we return to school we have to work together on following precautionary measures in place for educators & learners in the best interest of our Motheong Community:

- Please do not send your child to school if you must isolate (Due to contact with a Covid positive case) and your test has not been confirmed as negative.

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- The educators & learners wear face masks throughout the day and during presentation of classes. Please remember to wear your mask and send your child to school with a mask that fits well.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the reporting point and in every class. Hand hygiene and sanitizing is conducted throughout the day. Please sanitise/wash your hands regularly at home.
- Educators monitor social distancing protocols during break time. Please keep a safe distance as not to become a close contact to any person. When you visit friends and family, treat them as if you are Covid positive and want to protect them.
- Upon arrival the body temperature of each educator & learner is measured. All administrative staff, cleaning, maintenance, and security staff as well as visitors are all screened before access is granted to the premises. A written screening tool is completed by each educator indicating temperature, exposure and symptoms.
- Visitors to the school are restricted. Please do not just stop and ask at reception. Please phone and let us see how we can assist you without visiting the premises.
- The whole school is sanitized daily by means of eco-friendly, antibacterial solutions and wet spraying with sodium hypochlorite. The sanitizing covers all the school buildings, furniture, equipment and contact points.

Yours in Education

JJ Berrange
Principal

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