

Dear parents

We are very grateful that Dunatos' strategy to minimize COVID's influence clearly works well because:

- No COVID cases resulted from Dunatos' circumstances.
- Our learners still performed well, according to their abilities, at the end of 2020 and we also had a matric pass rate of 100%, proving that our parents and teachers supported the children the best they could despite the circumstances.

We would very much like to start with 100% full school attendance for all grades in the second term, but legislation obliges us to maintain social distance at all times. Unfortunately in some grades it is not possible and those grades will have to keep coming to school in shifts.

There are several schools that also have to go to school in shifts in order to enforce legislation. During a visit to a school by an education department official, where they applied for 100% attendance without social distance, the principal was obliged to let 50% of the learners go home immediately. (Attached is the extract from the communication of the Department's Head of Education, Mr Brian Schreuder.)

Health authorities have indicated that a third wave is likely. How we act and behave as individuals, school leaders, educators and learners, can help to reduce its impact.

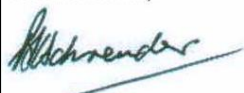
I therefore urge you to read the Directions carefully and consider what is happening in your immediate communities at any given time. Should you decide to resume close contact sports and inter-school competitions and tournaments, then strict compliance with all the health and safety regulations is required. There can be no room for error or complacency.

This also applies to the everyday functioning of your schools. I am aware that many schools have amended their timetables back to 100% attendance. Please be reminded that this is on condition that your school has the space to do so, while still complying with all the health, safety, and social distancing requirements.

I would like to thank you for ensuring that the start of the 2021 academic year, has gone relatively smoothly considering the situation we currently find ourselves in. It shows that our schools have managed to adapt quite quickly and are resilient in their approach to ensuring quality education even in these continued uncertain times.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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Rest assured that we will switch to full attendance immediately if we receive any changes from the education department. Our timetables for full school attendance have already been worked out and are ready to be followed.

We would like to sincerely thank the parents who help us so much in the difficult circumstances. Dunatos is privileged to have such an incredible parent corps.

Kind Regards

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