

15 April 2020

## Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

Due to the extension to the current State of Public Emergency it looks unlikely that the School will be able to re-open for Term 2 on 12 May 2020 as planned.

We are closely monitoring the situation and it is worth noting that the Hon Fidelis Molao, Minister of Basic Education, has said: “Schools will reopen even during the State of Emergency as long as health officials determine that it is safe to do so,”

It is important to note that all students whose fees are fully paid up for Term 1, 2020 will have a space in the School when we re-open.

When Schools do re-open it may be necessary for the school to continue teaching throughout the normal holidays, well into December and even to have teaching classes on Saturdays to make up for the lost teaching time.

Parents of Standard 6, Standard 7 and Form 2 and Form 5 will obviously be particularly worried about the **Cambridge Primary and Secondary Checkpoint, PSLE and IGCSE** Examinations that are due to take place this year. We will continue to update parents whenever we have further information regarding these examinations from either the Botswana Government or Cambridge Assessment International Education.

We will also send out details of the different E Learning platforms that are available (**please fill in the survey form so that we can contact you via email**), but we should also be aware of what the Hon Minister Molao said recently: “ We wish to emphasize that the teacher cannot be replaced by self study hence the need for all learners to be given the opportunity to cover the syllabus adequately upon return to school.”

We will continue to update parents are further developments and most importantly we all must make sure that we take care and stay safe during these very difficult times.

Reminder: Please address any queries to [botlhaleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:botlhaleinfo@gmail.com) and always put in your child’s name and class.

Thank you

Yours sincerely



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