

WOODRIDGE COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

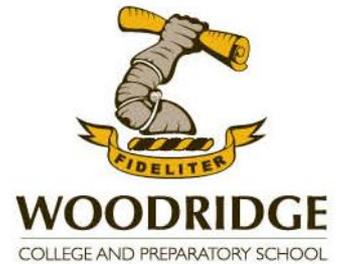
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Dear Parents and staff

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – School Closure

President Ramaphosa addressed the nation last night on a number of precautionary steps the country has taken to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. One of the announced measures is the closure of schools from Wednesday, 18 March 2020 until after the Easter Weekend. Our last day will be tomorrow, March 17 and day scholar buses will depart at 2.30 pm.

Distance boarders please communicate travel plans with Mrs Jo Meyer We are considering the start date as April 15 and the boarders to return on Tuesday 14 April. This will be confirmed later depending on circumstances. At this stage, as a 3 Term school, there will be no loss in academic time by shifting the holiday. We have informed pupils to take learning material home with them.

The senior management of the school met last night following the President's address, to plan for the closure of the school. A second meeting was convened this morning with the Chairman of the Trust, Andrea Puggia.

Following these meetings, further precautionary measures have been included. All non-essential travel is suspended as from Wednesday. This includes all planned excursions, tours, festivals and trips.

Any pupil (or an immediate family member) who has recently travelled to a high- or medium-risk country or region, as defined in the President's address, and currently consisting of the European Union (Italy, Spain, Germany, Portugal), Iran, South Korea, The United States, United Kingdom or China, are obliged to inform the school and comply with the government's requirements for testing and self-quarantine. They will also be required to provide a medical clearance certificate no less than 24 hours prior to their return to the school.

Conclusion

The President has urged all citizens to remain calm, stay informed and take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. ISASA will also keep member schools informed of any further developments.

We thank you for your understanding in this regard and we wish our Woodridge community strength over this period.

Yours sincerely

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