



Reference: COVID-19/20200518
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Dear Principals and School Management Teams of all Public Schools

(For information: School Governing Bodies)
(For information: Independent Schools)

DBE Guidelines for the management of Covid-19 in public schools

This weekend, the National Department of Basic Education sent out an email to District Directors entitled: "CORONAVIRUS ORIENTATION GUIDELINE AND PARENT GUIDE." As it was not sent to provincial HODs, I was only alerted to it last night.

The email had 4 documents attached:

1. Educational Resources
2. Advice to parents
3. Orientation Manuel (Presentation)
4. Coronavirus – Orientation Guidelines for Schools

We attach these documents for your use. The WCED has not engaged with it, as these documents were sent directly to District Directors. If the need arises, we will in due course clarify any uncertainties or confusion that may arise or any inconsistencies that may come up.

Please also refer to the letter and Guidelines that the WCED sent on 17 May 2020. (Reference: COVID-19/20200517)

These documents included:

- **A – WCED Guideline: Important information from the Provincial Department of Health**
- **B – WCED Guideline: Roles and Responsibilities**
- **C – WCED Guideline: Orientation of Staff and Learners**
- **D – WCED Guideline: Screening of Staff and Learners**
- **E – WCED Guideline: Cleaning of schools and maintaining hygiene**

As indicated we are currently drafting the following guidelines in order to further support you:

- **F – WCED Guideline: School feeding**
- **G – WCED Guideline: Psycho-social support**
- **H – WCED Guideline: Managing safety of staff with underlying comorbidities**
- **I – WCED Guideline: Managing learners with underlying comorbidities**
- **J – WCED Guideline: Safety of Learners on the Learner Transport Scheme**
- **K- WCED Guideline: Managing hostel safety during Covid-19**

I trust that all SMTs will familiarise themselves with the guidelines and communicate its content.

Independent schools are welcome to use these guidelines to prepare for their own phased return.

One thing that is very clear is that we are entering a period of uncertainty and one where we, as a system, will have to consider some flexibility as we get learning going again. Thank you for rising to the challenge to plan for and prepare for the return of teachers and learners in as safe a space as possible, given the uncertain times we need to lead and manage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BK Schreuder', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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