



25 March 2020

Updated communication on National Lockdown – COVID-19

Dear Parents

We are in full support of the President's call for a national lockdown from 23:59 on Thursday 26 March until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020. In response to this call, Brescia House School will be closed, and all access gates will be locked. There will be no staff at school except for 24/7 Security officers. Signs will be placed at all entrances communicating this lockdown. No persons will be allowed on the premises except emergency services if required.

We will continue with our programme of remote learning. Thus far, the feedback has been very positive, and we are dealing with challenges as they occur. We commend the pupils, and parents, for embracing this new learning and teaching opportunity. A special thank you to our teachers for their continued commitment and creative efforts in planning and teaching the various online lessons. We would like to receive some preliminary feedback on the remote learning process. Please click on the link below to answer two questions and provide a comment that will assist us going forward.

Remote Learning Feedback link: <https://bit.ly/2UBteHN>

At a recent conference on Online Safety, Major General Linde from the South African Police advised schools to remind parents that during this time of remote learning, their children no longer have the protection of the school's IT security systems or firewalls. This may leave pupils vulnerable and we appeal to parents to monitor their online activity.

On the Microsoft Teams platform, all calls, chats and online communication is recorded, however, if pupils go online, this activity is not protected. Pupils are reminded that they signed the digital citizenship pledge alongside.

Please refer to the following site for further information on resources for supporting children's emotional well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Child Trends: <https://bit.ly/3av0ffm>





Brescia House School

We are setting up a confidential COVID-19 database to monitor levels of infection and recovery rates within our school community. We request that parents notify the Heads of any confirmed cases or recoveries in their households. Please email this information to the respective heads: Mrs Ann Owgan (pshead@brescia.co.za) and Mrs Loredana Borello (hshead@brescia.co.za).

We pray that our Brescia Community be kept safe during this national lockdown.

God Bless

Heads: Ann Owgan and Loredana Borello

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.
Lord, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and give us peace.
In your mercy hear our prayer.**