

# THE SETTLERS HIGH SCHOOL



# COVID-19 UPDATE

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THE  
SPREAD**  
AND STAY HEALTHY

26 June 2020

Dear Parents, Learners and the extended Settlers family

## **COVID-19 UPDATE #4**

Thankfully, Mrs Gallie continues on her road to recovery and regaining her strength. She is still in hospital on an antibiotic drip, as a result of a secondary infection. She does not require any oxygen anymore and is receiving intensive physiotherapy at present. Mrs Gallie is very grateful for all your encouraging messages and well wishes, and hopes to be going home in the very near future.

In the four weeks since the Grade 12s returned to school, we have had only one matric learner test positive, and he has fully recovered and is back at school. In this regard, we wish to thank our parent body for their full support of our safety protocols and for the responsible manner in which they have been managing quarantine after possible exposure to the virus. On average, we have between 85 - 90% of our matrics at school per day.

As we approach and plan for the next phase when Grades 10 and 11 return, we have invested in fogging machines to deep clean the classrooms in the afternoons to prevent cross contamination. Grade 10 will be at school on Monday and Tuesday, Grade 11 from Wednesday to Friday, while Grade 12 are at school every day. In this way, we can keep the number of learners in the building below 50% of the school, as stipulated in the special gazette. It will also enable the correct social distancing measures.

Another change will be that learners will be in new, smaller class groups based on subject choice. The new timetable and class groups will ensure that the learners do not need to change classes between lessons, as the teachers will be rotating to the various venues. A detailed circular and video will be emailed to all parents and learners by Tuesday, 30 June 2020. The information will also be available on our Coronavirus Hub ([www.settlers.org.za](http://www.settlers.org.za)).

We ask that you continue to keep Mrs Gallie, her family, our staff and the greater Settlers family in your prayers during this time, as many families are confronted with real hardship, illness and loss of life.

Kind regards

L Hall & H Smuts  
Deputy Principals

**Self isolation** – occurs when a person has tested positive and remains isolated while they recover

**Quarantine** – occurs when a person has had close exposure (living with, travelling in a car with or had physical contact) with someone who tested positive and they remain in isolation in case they have been infected.