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Where every child has every chance, every day to learn with love and laughter



Declaration by parent responsible for remote teaching

As BEDFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL we are fortunate to be able to offer remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. From the feedback obtained through our questionnaire, it is apparent that many parents would rather not have their children attend school physically, until either: -

- a) they feel it is safe for their child(ren) to return to school or
- b) the Department of Education, through ISASA, deems it necessary for all learners to return to school

We are fully committed to providing a learning environment that is safe. To this reflect and having considered the desire of many parents to be able to choose whether their children should physically attend school, BCS will continue to offer a remote learning programme for those parents who elect to keep their children at home.

Although BCS will provide the material and backup support, those parents who elect to make use of this service will be solely responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) remain up to date with the curriculum so that no child is compromised academically when he/she returns to school.

Any parent who elects for their child to remain at home must also agree on the following:

- * BCS must be given at least 2 weeks' written notice before children will be returning to school;
- * A mix of remote teaching and face-to-face schooling is not an option. Parents will have to commit to one or the other for a 2 week period at least;
- * Parents who elect to have their child(ren) at home must collect a teaching pack every 2nd Friday from school unless something different has been agreed upon with the class teacher;
- * A working phone and/or laptop with adequate data/wi-fi/internet is required;
- * That you will submit all assignments timeously;
- * That schoolwork/assessments must be completed personally by your child(ren);
- * The teachers' main focus will be on the learners who are physically in their classes and to that effect might only be able to help you after the school day has ended, in specific hours of their choosing;

In turn, the school will support such parents as best we can and will do everything in our power to maintain the standard of remote learning you have become accustomed to.

Please fill in and sign:

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____
(names of child/ren) do hereby agree to the above terms take responsibility for teaching my child(ren) remotely until such time they return to school. I furthermore agree to adhere to all the points as set out above. I understand that negligence on my side may result in my child/ren being compromised academically and that I will be responsible for any intervention strategies should my child/ren be behind in their school work upon their return to school.

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2020

Parent/Caregiver responsible for remote teaching