

Dear Parents within ACSI Schools

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The COVID-19 pandemic has caught the world by surprise. When we started the school year in January 2020, who would have thought that we would be sitting at home dealing with the drastic implications of lockdown.

We are all aware of the seriousness of the plight of the economy. Very few people in our nation will not be affected financially, with some facing devastating consequences. We can only pray for Gods divine providence during these difficult times. At the same time God is calling His people to stand up and share the love He so freely gives to us.

During his communications with the nation, Cyril Ramaphosa has urged citizens to ensure that we do everything in our power to save the failing economy. He urged people to pay their bills to avoid the domino effect of withholding money due to a supplier. Everyone understands that where job losses have occurred, these debts need to be re-negotiated and plans made for later payments.

ACSI schools have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure that your children have continued their education albeit in a very different environment.

Teachers have been overwhelmed with the new and changing workload, yet have successfully managed to maintain contact with and support the learning of the children. Parents too, have been remarkable in their support to the teachers and the school whilst being so supportive of their children.

Whilst we are uncertain about the future, we are certain that we will overcome this difficult time and that schools will return to 'normal'. We have little doubt that the delivery of education in the future will improve as the teachers and leaders learn new skills, new technology and new methods. We look forward, with great excitement, to what the education platform will look like in the future.

It is essential that each community do everything within its power to keep their local school open. For Independent schools, this can only be possible if parents pay the fees they committed to at the beginning of the year. We must all ensure that the school is ready and waiting for when the children return to classes. Many schools are considering the laying off of teachers due to financial constraints as a result of non-payment of fees. This will certainly affect the functioning of the school and will result in the children being forced to find alternative schooling. This would be devastating for all concerned.

Parents are to be re-assured that school leaders, administrators and teachers are working around the clock to support teaching and learning during these difficult days. With God's help, we will prevail and our schools will continue to be a light in every community. We pray for unity at this time and where faith and sacrifice is needed, may His people respond generously.

Please pay your school fees. It is the right thing to do. If this is not possible, please contact your school to make alternative arrangements to fulfill the commitment you have.

May the Lord be your portion during this time. We collectively pray for His protection and provision over all our people.

God bless you and your faithfulness.

Yours sincerely

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