



## **NOVEL CORONA VIRUS POLICY**

### **Establishment of Task Force**

Seedlings has set up a task force i.e. the Covid-19 Committee to assist the school with planning for any eventualities relating to the potential spread in Durban of novel corona virus (scientifically known as SARS-Cov-2 virus) and the disease which it causes, named by WHO as Covid-19.

The health and safety of our children, staff, parents and visitors are of paramount importance and the potential impact which the spread of the virus may have on our staff, children, parents and the school is being taken seriously.

The Committee presently comprises Taryn Wegerle, Angie Young-Thompson, Cerys De Jong, Chuma Vabaza and Shaun Notcutt, further members may be added. It will meet as often as is necessary and its tasks include issuing policy directives and general information updates.

The following policies and protocols are adopted and implemented with immediate effect.

#### **1. Disinfecting and Hygiene**

- 1.1. Regular lessons are to be conducted and demonstrated by the teachers for the children to educate them on the importance of necessary hygiene habits and practices at school.
- 1.2. All areas of our school, toys and equipment are to be disinfected with suitable chemicals daily.
- 1.3. Staff are encouraged to ensure that any oversight is reported immediately and that their own work spaces are at all times kept in a clean and hygienic condition.
- 1.4. We have hand sanitising dispensers at our entrance. All children, parents and staff must on entry or exit use the hand sanitisers.
- 1.5. In addition, children and staff are encouraged to regularly wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water throughout the day and avoid touching their faces without washing hands first.

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## **2. Travelling**

- 2.1. Any personal international travel by parents, children and staff is discouraged and must be disclosed to the Covid-19 Committee at [seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za](mailto:seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za) before date of departure. On return, the parent, child or staff member must self-quarantine for 2 weeks and self-monitor and immediately seek medical help, where necessary, and notify the Covid-19 Committee if infection is suspected before returning to school.

## **3. Suspected Infection, Reporting and School Closures**

- 3.1. Any staff member, parent or child who suspects that they or a close family member may have come into contact with a person who has been confirmed as being infected with novel corona virus or with any secondary contact with a person who has had such contact, must:
  - 3.1.1. immediately report this to the principal (Taryn) (preferably via telephone or WhatsApp on 0824228683) followed up by email to [seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za](mailto:seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za)
  - 3.1.2. seek medical advice and if so advised undergo medical testing and self-quarantine at home until the results are known;
  - 3.1.3. once the medical results are available, they must share them with the Committee before returning to work;
  - 3.1.4. if positive the affected person must follow the necessary medically advised treatment plan and can only return to school once cleared by the medical professional in writing, as endorsed by NCID
  - 3.1.5. during the testing period and the subsequent outcome, the child or staff member will be placed on sick leave.
- 3.2. Any suggestions for making the school safer are welcomed and can be sent to [seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za](mailto:seedlings@harvestchurch.co.za)
  - 3.2.1 Seedlings is in constant communication with ISASA and The Department of Education in this regard.