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SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

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Greetings, fellow Groote Schuur parents, learners, staff and colleagues.

At the start of the new term we would like to share the following with you:

What strange times we currently find ourselves experiencing, indeed! Some call it sci-fi, some call it a “conspiracy”, but regardless of what we think, it is very real. Many families have lost loved ones, close friends or colleagues. There is not anyone who has not lost a loved one or close friend to this pandemic which just continues destroying and ravaging lives regardless of age, race, denomination or where you rank in society.

As parents, we have a responsibility to keep our families and loved ones safe. Please do what you must to ensure that we keep healthy and safe, including wearing our masks, regular hand washing and sanitising, spraying all items purchased at shops with sanitiser when returning home. Who would have thought this would become the norm? We are certain that this has become the way of doing things in all households for us to maintain safety in our immediate spaces.

We would like to reassure everyone, that we at Groote Schuur High School follow the governed processes routinely to ensure that the school as an establishment meets the requirements for our children, staff and educators to be in a safe environment during school hours. All necessary expectations and protocols are regularly communicated in newsletters, discussed at our SGB meetings, communicated in classrooms to our learners, and via our COVID 19 team on the school’s social platform.

We take comfort that these protocols and processes have been put in place with the mindset that **EVERYONE IS AT RISK – STAFF, EDUCATORS, LEARNERS**, including you and me.

Our selfless approach, standing together in doing what is right to get us through this difficult pandemic, is what we all need to strive towards ensuring that we overcome this pandemic together.

Our hope is that as sure as the sun will rise again tomorrow, working together as an extended GSHS family, we can overcome these challenges.

Warmest regards,

Lolita Alexander

School Governing Body Chairperson

Our vision of success:

GSHS learners are accountable, well-balanced people striving for academic excellence, while living lives of significance and service.