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Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had an incident where a parent reported to the school that she was diagnosed as COVID positive but is asymptomatic (i.e. shows no flu-like symptoms).

In line with government regulations, we immediately called the learner from class and the learner was sent home for 2 weeks quarantine.

We bring this to your attention today with the following information:

1. The virus is **everywhere** (with asymptomatic people all around us, without us or them necessarily being aware of it).
2. Regulations state that a learner who has been in contact with an asymptomatic person, need not be kept out of school (but we took it upon ourselves to err on the side of caution and insisted on 2 weeks quarantine).
3. It is every learner, teacher, parent etc's own responsibility to make sure they stay safe.
4. From the school's side we make sure everyone wears a mask / visor and adheres to social distancing wherever possible, temperatures are being taken daily. We remind you that we are also monitoring the corridors and entrances via CCTV cameras. We have not had any incidences of learners consistently not adhering to the rules and we are reminding them regularly of their responsibilities. We are very proud of their behaviour and respect for each other thus far. Desks are sanitised after each learner leaves the class room, we have sanitisers in place for hands. The bathrooms are well stocked with soap and paper towels.

We appeal to you to please keep your children home if they show any flu-like symptoms or have a raised temperature.

Once again you have our assurance that we will do everything we can to keep your children safe. If we all do our part, we will all stay healthy.

Best regards

MR AR BASSON
HELDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL