



## THE KING'S SCHOOL – WHITE RIVER



### FINANCIAL POLICY – DURING COVID 19

#### The virus called COVID 19:

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) has been confirmed as the causative virus of COVID-19. To date, COVID-19 has become a global pandemic and it is continuing to spread across the globe.

“When our president announced on 28 March that South Africa will find ourselves in a national lock down until further notice, no man, woman, child or baby understood what implications will wait for us for the next 50 days.”

To all the teachers it was off importance that when school reopened for term 2 that The King's School –White River will continue with education for the students of our school. It would have been so much easier if The King's School teachers operated like other schools, that had an approach of not to supply students with lessons, or they supply work without demanding that the work must be submitted to the relevant teacher. To us, “A student left behind, is a student with a backlog.”

Our financial policy is very easy to follow and to understand. If you followed the sms messages of the school, you will know exactly where you are standing:

- **School fees for May and for the rest of the year are compulsory, if you want your child to receive lessons.** Take note that data will be needed to make your child's dreams a success. If you don't want your child to receive any information from the teacher, please let us know.
- The teachers are all using their own data, as the school is a lockdown area. Nobody is supposed to enter or leave the area. Our teachers only received a part of their salary, during April, and we wait for the government's UIF offices to help

us with the rest. In May we will receive what our parents receive in the private sector, a mere 38% of our salary. Therefore discount to parents using data is impossible. The teacher's will supply work to your child daily with a lot of love, if school fees are paid or if you make a proper arrangement with the school.

- **Hostel fees are not to be paid for May.** Your child is not in the hostel, how can we ask you to pay hostel fees. **April fees will be used for the month of December and if you have paid for the full year, the fees will be carried over to the academic year of 2021**, after all expenses are deducted Grade 12 students' parents will have to account for your child's education until December, your child needs to apply for University, write the annual entrance exam to apply for University admission and please don't forget the matric jacket. It is compulsory for a Grade 12 student to stay in the hostel. We need a lot of academic time to catch-up. Currently it seems as if Grade 12 and Grade 7 students will return to school on **1 June.** **We urge our Grade 7 students to rather stay in the hostel for the month of June; we will have lessons in the evening as part of our catch-up plan. It is much safer!** The daily public transport being used, parents working, children not obeying the "stay inside" instruction after school, rather playing ball, are going to make it very difficult for all role players not to spread the COVID – 19 viruses. To a child, life will return to normal after the school reopened and as an adult we know that the "back to normal reality" will never exist again. Contact the school for further arrangements. Please take note that no aftercare facilities will be available.
- **Hostel parents will only be required to pay hostel fees, once your child is back in the hostel.** Example: If your child is in Grade 9, and the Department of Education announces that all grade 9 students must return back to school on the first of July and your child stays in the hostel, then hostel fees are only payable for grade 9 students during July.
- **I want parents to look deep into their hearts for any donation R500 and more to bring relief to the hostel uncle/auntie looking after your child. The money will be placed on your account and your name, surname and your child's student number will appear on our Covid 19 Humanity Wall, for two main reasons: Firstly if your child sees your name, he/she will be reminded about social distancing, washing of hands for 20 seconds, by law wearing of masks is compulsory, hand sanitizing, etc., Secondly, a more historical and educational intention behind the wall, **all of us have to be reminded about a virus called, Covid 19 and to be careful every single day not to repeat this awful war we face daily, and that small things like, washing our hands****

**regularly, the proper way, touching, sneezing and coughing, greeting by hand** is all a part of the life we used to know, life changed in two months on earth, and hand sanitizer and the wearing of masks became real. “A new normal is part of our life.” Send your name, surname and your child’s student number to [admin@thekingsschoolwr.co.za](mailto:admin@thekingsschoolwr.co.za) after you made the donation. We do not want to miss any parent’s name on the wall.

- If you are retrenched or you applied for UIF please send us proof to [finance@thekingsschoolwr.co.za](mailto:finance@thekingsschoolwr.co.za), we understand and we will be in close contact with you, pray with you, and be there for you until God decides that life will continue. We would like the arrangement in writing and signed. Parents will be notified about the reopening of the administration and financial offices. We strongly recommend that you phone, or make use of Skype for arrangements. To limit the spread of the virus, we ask parents to be considered and to limit your access onto school property. Parents have to stick to the arrangements they made. School fees must be settled. Parents contract’s, not adhering to their arrangement will be ended.
- School fees for education at The King’s School are compulsory. Make a proper arrangement with the financial ladies. When and how you will pay outstanding fees, as the school’s expenses on a monthly basis continue. Covid 19 happened at a blink of an eye. Our parents in the private sector will be punched much harder in the stomach than our public sector parents. **All we ask is to let us know, supply the necessary proof, make proper arrangements regarding your school fee catch-up plan and we are on your side.**
- **In your contract it is stipulated for you to give the school a month’s notice.**

**Kind Regards**

**Owner, Principal, and SMT of The King’s School.**