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**There is only one thing
that makes a dream impossible
to achieve: the fear of failure.**

— Paulo Coelho

Dear Eltursion Parents,

From the Principal's Pen

Congratulations to all our new, really resourceful parent-teachers. We have reached the end of term two and it is definitely time to put away the books and take a well deserved rest! I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our teachers who have taken the unknown online approach and run with it with zeal and enthusiasm, turning it into a great success.

Facing and accepting the new normal can be quite daunting and when your own problems and obstacles consume you, you will give in to fear – that you will fail, that you will let others down and that God will not help you when you most need it. Fear will tempt you to focus on the size of the problem rather than on the size of our God. When you focus on God first, you will see him fighting by your side. This is true too concerning the fight against this horrible pandemic and all it entails. Many of us are facing situations which we have never faced before. The road ahead seems so uncertain! Please allow me to assure you that the God we serve is a mighty God who fears nothing. I refer to 1 Samuel 17:32 – 37 where the Israelites were faced with the mighty Philistine army and their super soldier, Goliath! David fearlessly told King Saul that he would do to the pagan Philistine what he did to the lion and the bear who tried to attack his father's sheep because he believed in an





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almighty living God. We too shall fight and concur this pagan pandemic with the help of our living God.

I leave you with this promise found in 1 John 4:4 "You belong to God, my dear children. You have already won your fight with these false prophets, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world."

Term 3 and the road forward

The lyrics of the song "Up" sung by Demi Lovato and Olly Murs "just tell me it's not the end of the line" will ring true for our online teaching at the start of the new term. <https://youtu.be/oGV-boPgnYo> After all parents have cast their vote the result is a resounding YES to return to school in the beginning of August. This means that we will continue with our online teaching at the start of the new term, 7 July 2020. We will however be stepping up our online approach to ensure that our children are not left behind or disadvantaged academically in any way.

There will be four school weeks from 7 July until 4 August 2020. During this period we will be implementing the following prescripts;

Gr R: One zoom lesson per day explaining new work/theme etc. All worksheets will be emailed in advance. For parents who do not have access to printing facilities, we will happily print worksheets at school and have them available from 12:00 – 18:00 every Friday for collection. Gift and Vincent will be available at school to assist you.

Gr 1: Ma'am Alinda will continue as she has been with the Gr 1 online approach.

Gr 2: Two zoom sessions per day, one for math and one for language or whatever else Ma'am Chantal deems necessary. Worksheets will also be mailed a week in advance and parents who prefer to pick up the worksheets at school, note that Gift and Vincent will be available from 12:00 – 18:00 every Friday for collection.





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Ma'am Chantal will also be activating Google Classroom for the Gr 2's for the submission of work in order for it to be marked. Ma'am Chantal will also be sending a PowerPoint presentation for certain aspects of the work once per week.

Gr 3: Ma'am Bianca will continue as she has been with the Gr 3 online approach.

Gr 4 – 7: One zoom lesson per subject per day according to the timetable. Worksheets will also be emailed a week in advance and for parents who so prefer, these worksheets will be printed and left at school for collection from either Gift or Vincent between 12:00 and 18:00 on a Friday.

Google Classroom will be used for all subjects and submission of work will also be done via Google Classroom unless otherwise requested. Memos will be sent home of work completed please ensure that children have done the corrections before submitting the work on Google Classroom.

We will not have any assignments or tests during this four week period. Tests will resume as soon as school re-opens onsite.

Covid-19 Procedure going forward at Elturion

PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

1. Please complete the Covid-19 form that is posted on Google Classroom.
2. Should any information change going forward, please contact Natalie at info@elturion.co.za
3. Elturion masks have been ordered and as soon as they arrive we will communicate it on the WhatsApp groups. Please then collect them from school. Do make sure to familiarize the children to wear these masks as this unfortunately forms part of our new normal.





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4. We also have two options for shields that may be worn in addition to the mask.

The first is a shield that can be clipped to the Elturion school cap. This is a very durable shield and will not easily bend or break with continuous use. The cost of this shield is R40 each.



The second option is a shield that fits over the head. This is a slightly thinner shield and the cost is R20 each.

Please message the register teacher should you want to order one of these shields for your child. Please note that a shield is not compulsory at this point.





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5. As mentioned in the previous newsletter each child will need at least one sanitizer canister per term. These are not alcohol induced and safer for our children. This will be used to sanitize stationery and tables each time a child leaves his/her desk for whatever reason. The cost of these will be R85 each and orders can be placed with the register teacher.

Final word of encouragement

God watches over you because He is all-knowing and present everywhere. Jesus

also promised that when He ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit would come and

dwell in all believers forever. The Almighty God created you, loves you, sustains

you and even knows the number of hairs on your head. If he promises to watch over

you, you can trust that He is with you right now.

Matthew 10:29,31 says: "Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.... You are more valuable to Him than a whole flock of sparrows."

What more can anyone ask for!





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Finally if you have any issues at school, please feel free to contact the relevant teacher so we can sort the issue out. We can only fix problems we are aware of.

Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate every parent and every amazing child. We fully realize that it takes each child, every parent and all our wonderful teachers to make Elturion the best school in the country.

ENJOY A BLESSED WEEK

MANDY MULLER

