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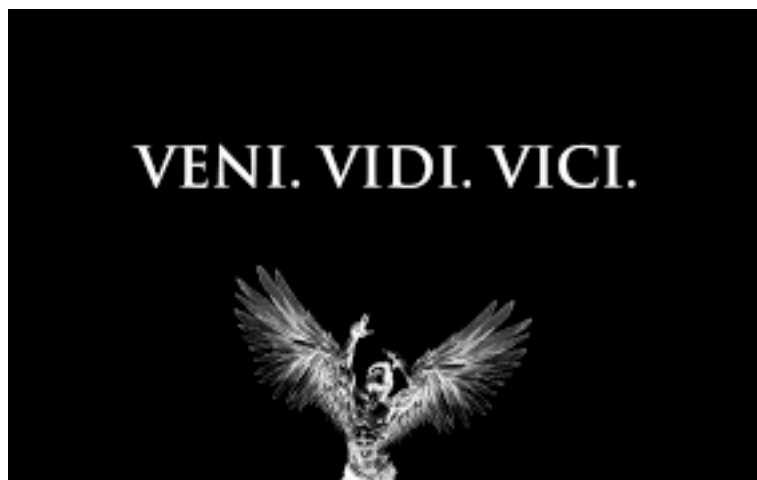
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Good morning to all Elturion family members, young and not so young but wiser,



### *From the Principal's Pen*

I would like to take this opportunity to give some more feedback pertaining to school and what to expect.

Unfortunately, we are none the wiser when it comes to guidelines from the minister of education as to when schools will actually restart. I have to reassure you though that Elturion is continuing as we would have if we had had school. I think going forward our children and many of us as adults will be better prepared for work on an online forum, so not all has been bad with regard to Covid19.

I have heard the concerns of many of our parents pertaining to the restart of school while the virus has not reached its peak and we are entering into what promises to be a colder winter than we have grown accustomed to in recent years. With this said, above all else we will take the children's safety and the safety of our staff as our first and foremost priority. Allow me to assure you that when we do start school, we will put measures in place for the protection of all our Elturion family members, such as screening upon entering the school



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premises, sanitizing and the wearing of masks. All children will be expected to come to school wearing a mask and armed with sanitizer. Our priority as a country should be the prevention of the spread of the virus and we will endeavor to do as much as possible from our side to ensure that Elturion fulfills this obligation. Please note that children with a temperature of 38°C+ will under no circumstances be allowed to enter the school premises.

We have in effect only lost 2 academic school days and have been in the fortunate position that our children have had access to data and online facilities. This is a luxury not afforded to many in South Africa and we need to be thankful for this blessing. There will not be a June exam for Elturion children this year. We will be using those last 3 weeks of the term two previously assigned for exams for teaching and revision as well as the cementing of concepts. We will thus keep up with the curriculum as planned. In this time, I have to admit that children are fortunate in that they are probably getting more than they previously would have since more planning and better innovative ideas have gone into each lesson. I'm sure if you could be a fly on the wall in our teacher's houses you would have a good laugh to see how they are juggling a multitude of balls at the moment. On a personal note Cherize is in matric this year and amongst her multitude of assignments and tests she still manages to assist her mother born BC, before computers, before zoom before YouTube and and and!

At this point safety comes first, our plan is thus to only start school at the beginning of the third term ie 7 July 2020 provided our country and province is able to cope with the containment of the virus. I realize this will be smack bang in the middle of our winter and hence why we will look at special measures such as only starting at 08:00 instead of 07:30. We may also have to look at a phased in model however it might not be as government phases in but rather as the need is required by Elturion teachers pertaining to assessment etc of our children. We may also have to consider limited contact hours and days to limit exposure. For the immediate future online is going to continue and will intensify with more zoom lessons. Being part of the private schools, we are fortunate that we can make our own rules within the guidelines of government adhering to the safety regulations from the department of health.

Aftercare fees are no longer levied and will only commence once aftercare re-opens. If you have already paid aftercare for April it will be credited against the month when aftercare re-opens. School fees however are an annual amount and will be invoiced as usual. Please do note that if you are experiencing a problem with payment of school fees you can just contact Henk at [finance@elturion.co.za](mailto:finance@elturion.co.za) in order to arrange a payment plan over the remainder of the year.



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I am relieved to report that I am not aware of any active cases of Covid19 amongst our Eltursion learners or staff. For this I am personally very grateful and praise God for his protection of his children. Once back at school we will endeavor to instill social distancing amongst our children. The children may have to stay in one class at one desk and teachers may have to rotate in order to keep the 1m social distancing in place. We will also have to take staggered breaks and children will need to also keep their distance during this time. This is however going to be a challenge with our younger learners as I am sure just like you, they are pretty starved for social interaction.

There will be no school related extra murals at this point. Once school has begun, we will have to take the online vs onsite approach. If there are still parents who are not comfortable with sending their children to school, we will for a time offer online and onsite classes, meaning the classes will be recorded and then posted on a platform for you to access. As mentioned previously we will only have a November exam this year. All other assessment will be in the form of tests both online and onsite, projects, essays, recorded prepared reading etc. Each teacher will communicate this with you directly. I will post an assessment schedule for the remainder of this term early next week.

The Eltursion teachers need a special solute for the effort which they have put into going online. I think we can all agree that the past holiday was a relative concept as teachers had to get their prep online ready, which believe me, has taken more time that even I initially expected. If you feel that your child's teacher has really walked the extra mile, please feel free to send her an email to just thank her. Teachers go into teaching as they are people orientated beings and now, they have been cooped up in studies in front of computers, so believe me when I say they are missing their learners more than you can imagine.

I firmly believe at the end of all this we are going to be able to say, we came, we saw, we concurred this hated virus! As we know more, I will keep you informed as possible. Please look after yourselves and your precious children.

**STAY BLESSED**

**MANDY MULLER**

