



BELVEDERE SCHOOL URGENT MESSAGE / BELVEDERESKOOI DRINGINDE BOODSKAP

"Dear Parents and Guardians, we have received the following message from the Department of Education:

"Please note the following bulk SMS that was sent to principals of Special Schools as approved by HOD:

Bulk SMS sent to principal today:

"Principals of Special Schools are reminded that no learners may be received unless a School-Specific Return Plan has been approved by the District Director. The Return Plan needs to address all areas outlined in the Standard Operating Procedure as well as align with the DBE phased-in approach for Special Schools. To assist a Guideline document that contextualizes all these aspects for Special Schools has been emailed to principals. Virtual meetings (MS Teams) will take place on Monday to take principals through the guideline document in order to assist with the drafting of the Return Plan. Please look out for the invitation that will be e-mailed.

The importance of the district approved Return Plan Learners in Special Schools are considered vulnerable by virtue of the fact that they have been confirmed by the GDE as learners with high support needs. Therefore despite the introduction of learners in terms of the Grades or curriculum offering, there should be assurance that contextual issues have been planned for. These aspects were unpacked in detail in the document : Standard Operating Procedures contextualized for Special Schools. At first it was taken that with the general orientation in the district as well as access to the Guideline document contextualizing the SOP, SMT would be in a position to draft a return plan that would cover all school management, governance, curriculum and learner support matters. A need has however been expressed for the mediation of the guideline document."

So, Parents and Guardians we will have to wait for them to let us know when we may open. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these circumstances which are beyond our control. We wish to assure you that we have complied with all requirements asked of us and that we are ready as soon as they give us permission to receive our Learners back to school. We will keep you apprised of the situation as it is revealed to us. Please stay warm and health.

kindest regards,

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End of Message**

"Geagte Ouers en Voogde, ons het die volgende boodskap van die Departement van Onderwys ontvang:

"Let op die volgende grootmaat-SMS wat aan die Skoolhoofde van Spesiale Skole gestuur is soos goedgekeur deur die HOD:

Grootmaat-SMS wat vandag aan die skoolhoofde van Spesiale Skole gestuur is:

"Hoofde van spesiale skole word daaraan herinner dat geen leerders ontvang mag word tensy 'n Skoolspesifieke Terugkeerplan deur die Distriksdirekteur goedgekeur is nie. Die Terugkeerplan moet alle gebiede wat in die Standaardbedryfsprosedure uiteengesit is, aanspreek, sowel as in lyn met die DBE-infaseringsbenadering vir Spesiale Skole wees. 'n Riglyndokument wat al hierdie aspekte vir Spesiale Skole kontekstualiseer, is aan skoolhoofde gestuur. Virtuele vergaderings (MS-teams) sal Maandag plaasvind om Skoolhoofde deur die riglyndokument te neem ten einde te help met die opstel van die Terugkeerplan. Let op na die uitnodiging wat per e-pos gestuur sal word.

Die belangrikheid van die Distriksgoedgekeurde Terugkeerplan - Leerders in Spesiale Skole word as kwesbaar beskou omdat dit deur die GDE bevestig is as leerders met 'n hoë ondersteuningsbehoefte. Ondanks die bekendstelling van leerders in terme van die graad- of kurrikulumaanbieding, moet daar verseker word dat daar vir kontekstuele faktore beplan word. Hierdie aspekte is in detail in die dokument uiteengesit: Standaardbedryfsprosedures Gekontekstualiseer vir Spesiale Skole. Aanvanklik is aanvaar dat SMT, met die algemene oriëntasie in die distrik sowel as toegang tot die riglyndokument wat die SOP kontekstualiseer, in staat sou wees om 'n terugkeerplan op te stel wat alle skoolbestuur, bestuur, kurrikulum en leerderondersteuning aangaan. Daar is egter 'n behoefte uitgespreek vir die bemiddeling van die riglyndokument. "

Ouers en Voogde, ons sal dus moet wag totdat hulle ons laat weet wanneer ons die skool mag oopmaak. Ons vra om verskoning vir die ongerief wat veroorsaak word deur hierdie omstandighede wat buite ons beheer is. Ons wil u verseker dat ons voldoen het aan al die vereistes wat van ons verwag en dat ons gereed is sodra hulle toestemming gee om ons leerders terug te ontvang. Ons sal u op hoogte hou van die situasie soos dit aan ons geopenbaar word. Bly asseblief warm en gesond.

Vriendelike groete,

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Einde van die Boodskap**