



Covid FAQs

1. What measures ensure the safety of learners at PBHS?

Masks and visors are compulsory and are provided to learners by the school. Classrooms, toilets and other hotspots are sanitised daily. Learners must keep a social distance of 1,5m at all times. Learners' hands are sanitised at reception, all toilets and register classes.

2. Wat is die prosedure indien 'n leerder se temperatuur bo 37,5°C is?

Indien die leerder by die huis is wanneer die koors begin, moet hy nie skool toe kom nie totdat hy negatief getoets is. Indien sy temperatuur by die skool bo 37,5 meet, word hy in die HJS-kwarantynkwartiere agter die saal geïsoleer, totdat sy ouers hom kan kom haal om vir toetse te neem. Koshuisleerders sal in Werda (die gr. 8-huis) geïsoleer word totdat hulle getoets kan word.

3. What is the procedure in the morning?

Learners are received by their register teacher at the gate where their temperature is taken and their hands are sanitised. They then move to the cricket field for a meeting in the open air if there is no rain. If it rains, they move directly to their register classes.

4. Wat word gedoen om badkamers te ontsmet?

Badkamers word as 'n brandpuntarea beskou en word dus daaglik ontsmet. Handontsmetmiddel, seep en papierhanddoeke word in alle badkamers verskaf. Leerders word ook aangemoedig om sosiale afstand in badkamers toe te pas.

5. May my son stay at home?

The SA Schools Act, the Children's Act and the Education Policy Act are quite clear about the responsibility of parents to ensure the education of their children. If a parent does not want to send his/her healthy child to school, this parent must deregister the child at his present school and register him with the WCED for home schooling. After 10 consecutive days of absence without a doctor's certificate, the learner is automatically deregistered according to the WCED's learner absenteeism policy, which also emphasises the importance of regular school attendance.

6. How are school hours affected?

Official school times remain the same. Extra classes for matrics, however, are offered in the afternoon to catch up any outstanding work. These classes start at 14:45 and end at 16:15 and are compulsory.

7. Gaan werk steeds op Google Classroom geplaas word?

Onderwysers sal steeds van Google Classroom as 'n platform gebruik maak om elektroniese bronne met leerders te deel, maar sodra leerders terugkeer skool toe, sal die klaskamer weer die primêre fokus van klasgee wees. Grade wat nog nie tot die skool toegelaat word nie, sal steeds Google Classroom as hul enigste bron van klasgee hê.

8. How can lost academic time be recovered?

As mentioned, an afternoon class programme has been set up for the Grade 12 learners which will be extended to other classes as required. In addition, adjustments to the curriculum for Grade 8–11 have already been announced by the Department of Basic Education. The June examination has been dropped and is substituted for a test series. Both the June and the September holidays have been shortened as follows:

- Second term: 8 June to 7 August
- Third term: 12 August to 23 September
- Fourth term: 5 October to 15 December

9. Mag leerders van die skool se sportgeriewe gebruik maak?

Ja, mits die leerder in die graad is wat regtens reeds by die skool terug mag wees, en volgens alle normale HJS-reëls ten opsigte van sportbeoefening.

10. How is PBHS's extramural programme affected by Covid-19?

Extramural activities may only take place under the laws laid down by respective sports and cultural codes and only with the permission of the Education Department. Keep watching PBHS's social media channels and the school's official communication platform for parents, D6 Communicator, for more information.

11. Wat gebeur as my seun in kontak was met 'n BEVESTIGDE Covid-19-geval?

Volgens die amptelike beleid van die WKOD word slegs leerders wat in **direkte kontak** was met 'n **BEVESTIGDE** Covid-19-geval, versoek om twee weke tuis te bly. Direkte kontak volgens genoemde beleid bestaan uit die volgende: 'n handdruk, drukkies of 'n soen. Indien 'n leerder in *terloopse of toevallige kontak met 'n bevestigde Covid-19-geval was, moet die leerder steeds skool bywoon.

12. May I keep my son at home?

If you do not want to send your son to school, please take note of the official WCED guideline that you do so at the risk of having your son deregistered (regardless of which school he attends) and that he must then be registered for homeschooling.

13. Besoeke aan skool en BoisShoppe?

Die skool asook die BoisShoppe mag tans slegs per afspraak besoek word. Vir skoolafsprake, skakel gerus 021-872 3668. Vir BoisShoppe-afsprake, skakel gerus 082 443 7198.

14. School closures regarding confirmed Covid-19 cases

Whenever a confirmed case of Covid-19 is reported at a school, a detailed protocol must be followed. This is available on the WCED website (Guideline L – Managing Covid-19 cases in schools): <https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/back-school>

A confirmed case does not necessarily require a school to be closed. In each case, a number of factors will be considered in making the decision.

We must clearly distinguish between direct (close) contact and casual contact. Direct contact involves being very close to someone physically, or giving a hug or a handshake. It is important that we keep direct contact to a minimum as required by physical distancing protocols. Only the direct contacts of a confirmed case need to isolate for up to 14 days from the date of last contact. Just being in the same room as a confirmed case, when maintaining the 1,5m physical distancing requirement, is considered casual contact. Casual contacts do not need to isolate, but they should be monitored for any symptoms of Covid-19.

Thus, the circumstances of each positive case will determine whether the school needs to close or not. It is not an automatic decision. This decision may only be taken by the Head of the Department of Education.

15. Hoe word sosiale afstand by koshuise gehandhaaf?

Sosiale afstand word by alle formele byeenkomste van die koshuis gehandhaaf, bv eetsaal, ontspanningsarea, studielokale sowel as stortgeriewe.

Leerders per kamer word hanteer soos u gesin by die huis waar dit onmoontlik is om te alle tye sosiale afstand te beoefen. Leerders word wel ontmoedig om oor koshuiskamers heen te kuier en word aangesê om dit beperk.