



Michael Mount Waldorf School

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May 21, 2021

Dear Michael Mount Community,

We have had a very full two months since the last community letter. We were able to experience a brief glimpse into semi-normality, with camps and excursions taking place, sporting events and tournaments beginning to open up, and our Class 8 play in the auditorium. While we would love for this to continue, the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-changing, and we are once again faced with an increasing number of infections and revised government regulations as we enter the **third wave**. In light of this, we need to adjust some of our practices to ensure the safety of our children and community.

Sports

This week we received notification from the Department of Education that all **contact** sports matches must be suspended with immediate effect. Mobility skills training for contact sports may continue if all protocols are adhered to. This affects basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

Non-contact sports may continue as normal, however no inter-school activities will be permitted.

The way forward

We have created a new extra-mural timetable for sports which will be implemented from Monday, 24th May. The intention is to allow student to train in many disciplines, while keeping the numbers low, and groups within their bubbles.

Culture and Events

Sadly, school camps, excursions and choirs will once again be suspended. No spectators will be allowed to sporting or cultural school events, including the upcoming St. John's festival.

Extra-mural drama will continue as distancing can be maintained.

AGM

Our AGM will take place on the 26th May. This will go ahead as planned in the auditorium however, we please ask that you book a seat in advance so that protocol lists may be prepared. It is important that we observe protocols and wear masks for the full duration of the event. Join via the Zoom link to listen in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86152353548> Meeting ID: 861 5235 3548. Voting will not be possible remotely.

Arrival and Departures

We also ask that parents adhere to the staggered arrival and departure times for their children's respective bubbles in order to avoid unnecessary queueing with other classes.

We would also like to remind parents to refrain from smoking and vaping in the parking lot while waiting for their children.



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We have been fortunate in that we have had just one positive COVID-19 case within our school over the past two months, and only one class having to go into isolation because of suspected exposure.

As we enter the winter season and our High School students prepare for exams, it is crucial that we do everything possible to ensure that our older students are able to attend their lessons. We would therefore like to appeal to all parents to please be vigilant and maintain social distancing when attending events outside of school. The success of protocols depends on each family playing their part, so that the safety of all may be maintained.

Once again all at Michael Mount thank you for your ongoing support, as we continue to navigate our way through 2021.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bester', enclosed in a white rectangular box.

Mr J.W. Bester
Administrator