

23 January 2021

Dear Solid Foundations parents

We received an official government gazette today (Vol. 667 No. 44096) stating:

“Independent schools must delay the date for the reopening of schools for learners to return to school for a period of two weeks from the date of the pronouncement of the Minister, on 15 January 2021. Independent schools may not open earlier than the two-weeks period.”

In the light of this official legal directive from the DBE, Solid Foundations will **NOT** “phase in” our grades from Wednesday as originally planned. We will, however, **start will all our grades (1-7) ON FRIDAY (29 January)**. This excludes our preschool (Grade RRR-R), which has been open this past week and will continue to remain open every day this coming week.

We know that the media may announce 1 February as the starting date for all independent schools, but the gazette clearly allows us to start on Friday the 29th, and we believe that EVERY DAY COUNTS. Our staff are fully committed to catching up on lost work for the missing two weeks, and to keeping your child fully on track in their syllabuses.

We apologise for the slight delay, compared to our original announcement, but it is, unfortunately, out of our hands. We appreciate your support, and can’t wait to see all of our pupils on Friday.

Kind regards

Erika Helmbold and the Solid Foundations Staff