



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ADCADEMY

GUIDELINE: MANAGING LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES

1. Purpose.

To provide guidance to Parents and the School Management Teams (SMT) of the Emmanuel Christian Academy on how to manage learners with comorbidities.

2. Meaning of comorbidities

There are many definitions of comorbidities. For the purpose of this guideline, a comorbidity is deemed to be other chronic health conditions or a concurrent illness which could have an impact of making the illness worse in co-occurrence with Covid-19. These comorbidities are applicable to learners who suffer from them and not a relative.

3. Steps to be taken

3.1. The school must identify all learners with comorbidities (Please see Annexure A).

3.2. Principals must write to the parents of such learners (please see Annexure B) offering them the option of deciding to oversee the learning of their children at home for the next few months until the pandemic recedes.

3.3. If parents do not agree to that responsibility, the learners must return to school.

3.4. If parents accept the offer to oversee the learning from home, they must sign the attached acceptance form (Annexure C) and return it to the school for record keeping.

4. Responsibilities of parents

4.1. Parents with learners with comorbidities must agree to oversee the daily learning of their children at home, including the daily work and assessments, and sign the acceptance form (Annexure C).

4.2. Parents must ensure a conducive environment for the learner to learn at home. This would include learning space, resources etc.

4.3. Parents must ensure that all work and assignments are collected and delivered at school, as required by the school.

5. Responsibility of the school

5.1. Teachers must prepare work for such learners on a daily or weekly basis and make it available to the parents – learner. Such work will be available on Tuesdays for Grade 7 – 12 and Fridays Grade 1 - 6

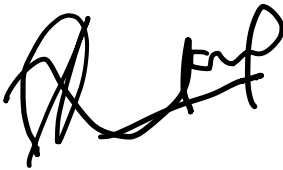
5.2. Teachers must receive the work or assignments, mark it and return it to the learner.

5.3. Teachers must engage with the parents in relation to making arrangements for the necessary assessments.

5.4 Teachers will place work on the Google Classroom on a daily basis to ensure that learners with comorbidities can stay up to date with the curriculum.

5.5 This concession is not a general stay-away opportunity for learners to come and go as they please. Normal rules regarding absenteeism as per our school rules will apply. It is ONLY for learners with comorbidities. All learners must be back at school on a full-time basis by 17 June 2020 as it is not possible to run two or three different modes of schooling at the same time.

5.4. The schools and parents will be informed when this concession must come to an end.



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