



Dear Parents & Guardians,

14th June, 2021

I sometimes wish that I had a crystal ball with which to look into the future to know what will happen. This would help me plan my life a bit better to ensure I am better prepared for what lies ahead. Sadly, this cannot be. The recent announcement by the Vice-President in response to the surge in Covid-19 cases puts us, once again, in an uncertain position where we have to sort of guess the way forward. In a local paper, a couple of weeks ago, it was said that the government was not contemplating re-introducing lockdown measures and now we have this recent statement. I do not quite know how this will pan out for the near future; will schools reopen or will we need to do online schooling. We are also heading towards a crucial stage of learning, especially for those writing public examinations. We all need to be prepared to ensure that our children move forward and do not lose out.

In light of the recent increase in Covid-19 cases and deaths, we need to also focus on staying out of harm's way by maintaining our social distancing, wearing our masks properly, sanitising our hands frequently and getting vaccinated. The resurgence in the number of Covid-19 cases has exposed our complacency with regards to the preventative measures and we all need to be constantly reminded to ensure we follow the existing safety protocols, not only for ourselves but also for those around us.

1. Term 2 Fees

We have invoiced a **deposit** for Term 2 in line with the original budget which is based on the discussions held between the Finance Committee and the SDC, as shown below.

This is payable in USD using free funds or at the auction rate of the week.

	Tuition (USD)	Boarding (USD)
ECD	358.00	
Prep	861.00	1,249.00
College	1,253.00	1,601.00

Hillcrest Schools will study the full impact of the latest SI 121 of 2021 on goods and services. We understand that businesses have reacted differently to this SI with prices going up in ZWL and USD. We want to avoid the panic and assess the stability in prices resulting from this SI and how it will affect our budget. We will need to then revise the budget accordingly and present this to the parents before settling on the final Fee to be charged. This should be done by mid-July. **2. Term 2**

Dates

We are currently putting the 2nd Term Calendar together which will be sent out before the start

of 2nd Term. Below are dates to take note of;

28th June - Boarders return to Hostel

29th June - School Opens

www.hillcrestprep.net
www.hillcrestcollege.net

27th July - Mid-Year Mock Exams Begin

5th August - Mid-Year Mock Exams End and School Closes for Mid-Term Break

6th August - Boarders travel for Mid-Term Break ***This is a provisional plan.***

11th August - Boarders return to Hostel from

Mid-Term Break 10th September - School Closes

I hope you are enjoying the holiday with your children and pray that you remain safe.

Do have a good working week.

Kind regards,

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