

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Festive greetings to you all. I hope you all had a great time with your family and friends. A new year speaks of new beginnings, new starts and often a resolution to do things better.



The English dictionary defines perspectives as a way of seeing something based on your experience, personality and beliefs. We may all see the same event, but our interpretation of it will vary depending on our perspectives. Generally, this is a good thing as we all have something different to offer. We are all in a unique position of being able to contribute towards the attainment of a vision. It is in this latter aspect (our vision) I would want all of us to see things from the same perspective and that is our children's future progress and success.

In the picture above, we all see what looks to be a slope with grass on the top and some trees in the background. There is this rock which seems to be floating in the air. **If you were to turn this picture upside down .....**

With respects to our vision, I would want us all to have the same view. With respect to how we achieve it, our unique perspectives put us in a position to contribute so that together we all see our vision for Hillcrest come to fruition.

## 1. Opening of Schools

The presidential statement and subsequent clarification from the MOPSE makes it clear that face to face learning cannot resume until given the go ahead by the President. However, we are

encouraged to offer online lessons. Whatever the situation is, Hillcrest aims to fulfill the normal teaching load of about 180 to 200 working days of tuition for the year, whether it be online or face-to-face.

We will start the year with online lessons as from Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. Further details will be sent to you during the course of the coming week.

## **2. Fees**

We have opted to charge a Fee in ZWL and I ask you to talk to the Accounts department about payments to be made in USD. I want to avoid a situation that happened last term, where we charged a huge USD figure to cover the RTGS amounts we needed at the auction rate.

Sadly, because we have not completed the due process we will be invoicing half the proposed Fee as a deposit. Hopefully, you will start receiving these soon.

## **3. Examination Fees for 2022**

Please find attached a letter from the Examination's Officer for your attention and information. This letter was sent out on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021 but have resent for the benefit of those who missed it.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,



**ORLANDO FERNANDES**  
**PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS**