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RE: Internet Fees 3% Discount

Dear Machabeng College Families,

We expect that CBS is finalizing the installation of our internet. The duration of the project was extended due to a *depleted components market*. As the world went to online schooling and professionals worked from home, the internet equipment market was saturated and depleted. The inability to purchase vital components became at a standstill in many parts of the world. Therefore, the installation took longer than expected.

The good news is that our internet has been completed while students are observing social distancing. On the subject of COVID19, I want to take this time to say that throughout the next year, on occasion, we may have a COVID case or a few and we will observe quarantining as long as it is viable for only those students and the teachers who have been exposed. Unfortunately, the teaching assignments for every grade level are structured across the staff, and almost every teacher can be exposed by a single case...which in turn exposes your children and essentially exposes you. The majority of the international schools compartmentalize teachers into lower school, middle school and upper school. This structure would have benefitted the school with COVID. A structural change is needed here.

There is an upside for the Machabeng Community. Our teaching practices should be changing to a more flexible, inclusive approach that will meet the needs of all of our scholars. Instruction should be transitioning from a lecture-based, workbook classroom, to a student-centered, student-directed blended learning classroom. Students should be more empowered to drive the learning. The online blended approach allows for greater flexibility in time, place, and pace. As the professional staff and our students become more astute in blended learning, we will fine tune the educational platform to increase our resources for greater information access, instructional supports, and achievement capacities.

YOU HAVE EARNED A GIFT!

The school recognizes your efforts in supporting the learning from home and here at school. The parents have been burdened with the continued purchase of data while we waited for the internet to be completed. We appreciate your sacrifice so students could be successful during face-to-face learning rotations. We recognize that periodically throughout term 1, we have experienced long delays when the internet was down or there was an absence of the internet during the installation process. Parents have supported their children with data to support the learning. We greatly appreciate your partnership and your patience. As such, I am issuing a 3% discount for term 2 internet fees. If you have paid tuition and fees for the full year, please communicate in writing to the accounts department for your discount and returns.

Thank you again for your continued support. We are glad you are part of Machabeng College.

Yours in Education,

JL Schwimmer
Headmaster



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