



## FUTURE STARS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

### **A REPORT ON FUTURE STARS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN.**

Following the closure of all public gathering areas, by the government, including schools and many other facilities related to the children's daily activity, Future Stars took the following measures to ensure the wellbeing of the residential children. These measures have been in place for the past three months since the declaration speech of the President.

Since the pandemic, Kibera has been rated the most unsafe location following the majority of covid-19 positive cases, its unhygienic nature, and also its dense population. We have, however, rescheduled all our daily routines to ensure not only the safety of the residential children but also their wellbeing in terms of both physical and psychological satisfaction as basic requirements of a normal childhood.

We have formulated a timetable running throughout the week, which enables the children to cover much of their normal education while at home, and also managing the environmental requirements necessary to curb the pandemic.

We have introduced extra general cleaning three times every week. This entails intense cleaning of the school compounds, toilets, kitchen and the children's bedrooms. We have also introduced hand-washing stations with clean running water and appropriate hand-washing soap.

We have set time each day for the children's private studies, running for two hours a day, and another hour of free educational consultation between individual children and other members of staff. This is to assist the children, especially those in higher grades, to understand the parts of the syllabus that they were not taught in school following the closure.

We also have introduced e-learning for all the pupils, where necessary, with focus on those studying for major exams, especially Boaz (in the final year of high school) who is now doing most of his studies in the local cyber café.

We have also introduced agricultural activities to the children. We have been practicing urban farming with kale, onions and maize. All of the boys seem to have responded well to this. We are also practicing small-scale poultry farming, well taken care of by Shadrack and Isiah.

In addition, we have set aside time for the children to enjoy outdoor activities on the community field at least three times a week for a period of not more than 1 hour 30 min.

We are still laying down more strategies to maintaining the children's well-being based on the three months experience of the above measures.