



02 JUNE 2020

From the Principal

OPENING OF SCHOOL: 8 JUNE 2020

Following a combined meeting of the SGB and SMT on 1 June 2020, we hereby confirm that all safety measures have been complied with, in terms of cleaning and disinfecting according to the guidelines provided by the Department of Health. We also confirm that all our PPE has been received from the Department of Education.

It is therefore confirmed that our school is ready to receive our Grade 7 learners (only) on the 8 June 2020.

In addition to cleaning and disinfecting the plant, the following procedures have also been put in place to reduce the risk of infection when our learners return:

- *Each learner will be given two cloth masks, which must be worn on a daily basis for the full duration of the day. A learner will not be permitted on the premises without a mask.*
- *Each learner will then have his/her hands sanitized followed by a screening process.*
- *Each learner's temperature will be checked.*
- *Should the learner's temperature be above 38 degrees, or have any symptoms such as fever, dry cough, tiredness or shortness of breath etc, he/she will be isolated, his/her parents notified and referred to the Department of health for further testing and possible quarantine.*
- *The learners will then proceed to the assembly area, which has been marked to ensure social distancing, for an orientation and awareness program regarding Covid 19.*

Important:

Should your child/ren be unwell or display any Flu like symptoms such as fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, tiredness etc please keep them at home and inform the school accordingly.

The above procedures will form part of the daily routine of learners and become the 'new normal' for schooling. During the course of the day, learners' will be required to sanitise their hands several times and wash their hands with soap and water while practising social distancing. Hand sanitizers and soap will be provided. Various educator committees have been established to ensure the above.

The learners will also be provided with a summarised list of Rules/Procedures for ease of reference, which we hope will be memorised in due course.

CURRICULUM DELIVERY

Each grade 7 class will be broken up into smaller class units of a maximum of 16 learners per class to ensure social distancing. Timetables, form teachers and subject teachers have been allocated to ensure all subjects are catered for. The curriculum content has been revised/

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trimmed by the Dept of Education taking into account the amount of time left for this year. All sports programs and extracurricular activities will unfortunately be cancelled.

Our grade 6 learners and foundation phase learners (Grade R, 1,2,3) will arrive on 6 July 2020, and the remainder of learners: Grade 4 and 5 will arrive on 3 August 2020. A similar program of splitting learners into smaller classes will be put in operation and they too will be subjected to the procedures above i.e. the wearing of masks, temperature checks, screening and social distancing etc.

These measures have been put in place in order to protect each individual on the premises thereby reducing the risk of COVID 19 infection. It is, however up to parents to ensure that the proper protocols are maintained in the taxis and buses.

VISITORS AT SCHOOL

In order to reduce the risk of infection and for the safety of our learners and educators, no visitors will be permitted at school, unless absolutely necessary. Parents are encouraged to phone/email or use our WhatsApp portal to communicate with us.

SCHOOL FEES

We know and understand that these are difficult times and many of our loyal parents are experiencing financial difficulties, these parents are encouraged to communicate with us in this regard. It must be noted that applications for concessions would still be considered, if there was a change to financial circumstances.

Having said that, our monthly commitments still have to be met, the most pressing being the salaries of SGB educators, administration staff and cleaners, without whom schooling will be impossible. We therefore urge parents who are still able, to do their civic duty and pay their school fees so that our commitments are met without any disruption. We thank you in advance for this.

CONCLUSION

These are difficult and unprecedented times and we would appreciate patience, co-operation and support of all parents as we navigate through this pandemic. Rest assured that our learners' health and wellbeing remain our first priority. Should you have any queries, concerns or have suggestions, please email or Whatsapp the school and we will get back to you.

NB. To be added onto our Whatsapp portal, please contact our administrator on: 082 4255 392

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Principal