



MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"A woman is like a teabag. Only when in hot water do you realize how strong she is!" ~ Nancy Reagan

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to our Grade 7 learners and staff after the 2 week break. We hope and trust that things will go much smoother under the "new normal". Our grade 7's will continue with classes for the next 2 weeks until the other grades are phased in on 24 August. All grade 7 learners are to attend every day for the next 2 weeks. When the other grades are phased in, the half-class approach will then be implemented. More information on the phasing in of other grades will be issued closer to the time. We are now in term 3 as per the amended calendar.

As mentioned previously, the safety and security of all at Mulbarton Primary is of paramount importance and we require everyone to assist with the safety guidelines as mentioned in previous newsletters. Yes, we are all at risk with covid-19, however, if we all take the necessary precautions, we can minimize this risk. Please note that if your child is unwell, please do not send your child to school until he/she recovers. If your child has any comorbidities/underlying chronic illness, your child should also stay at home, however, please email the school with the necessary medical certificates of the chronic illness. If your child has subsequently been cleared by his/her doctor to attend school, please submit a doctor's note to this effect as well. If you wish to consider home schooling for your child/ren, an application in this regard must be made to the Gauteng Department of Education – Mulbarton Primary School does not approve these applications nor does the school conduct home schooling.

Teachers are on duty from 7am. There will be only one entrance to the school – the gate on Archibald Avenue next to the teachers' driveway entrance. Please allow your child to exit your vehicle and to queue on the red painted markers along the palisade fence. Please do not leave until your child has passed the screening (however, you cannot wait in the line with your child). If all is well with your child, then you may leave – if not, then you are able to take your child away immediately. Please note that no parent will be allowed onto the school premises. Please inform the school if any of your contact details have changed. We are also encouraging parents to do EFT payments for school fees and to avoid cash payments at the school. We are repeating much of the information as in previous newsletters so that you and your child are clear on the procedures to be followed.

Covid-19 Procedure – Return of Grade 7 Learners on Tuesday, 11 August 2020:

- EVERY CHILD TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR OWN MASK. If your child has no Mask – children will NOT be allowed to enter the school premises. Masks are compulsory. Please ensure that your children's masks are clearly labelled with their name, surname and grade.
- There will only be one entrance to the school for learners – on ARCHIBALD AVENUE. No parents will be allowed to enter onto the school premises.
- When learners arrive at school their temperature will be taken by staff members as learners enter the school.
- If children's temperatures are above 38°C, the secretary will telephone parents to fetch the learners. However we impress upon parents/guardians/drivers to wait outside the school until their children have passed the screening process.
- Learners who have a high temperature will be taken to an **isolation area** where staff members will be supervising. Parents are advised to take such children for an immediate check-up to their doctor.

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Principal

- Red tape will be used along the path as well as educators will be standing along the path the learners are to take to get to the line-up area. Staff members will also stand at the line up area to receive the learners. Strict social distancing will be observed – while queuing, while walking as well as while lining up in the line-up area.
- Classes will be split into 8 classes instead of 4. We are working on 20 learners per class to ensure social distancing.
- Learners will not move from class to class for change-over of subjects – teachers will move.
- Each class has a section in the school where they will be sitting during lunch breaks. Social distancing will be followed during breaks. Unfortunately, playing and interacting together during lunch breaks will not be permitted.
- At break learners will be fetched from the classroom and returned to the class by the teacher on break duty.
- After first break temperatures will be taken again. Children will be in class and teachers who were on break duty will come and take temperatures and it will be recorded on a class list.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance of every classroom. Children are welcome to carry their own hand sanitizers as well.
- There will be no hugging, no handshakes, no touching, such as fist pumps, high 5's – all direct contact to be avoided.
- Tissues are to be used correctly and to be disposed of in an appropriate manner, coughing or sneezing should also be done in an appropriate manner.
- No child is allowed to share stationery, lunch, snacks, cold drinks, water, etc.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE NO AFTERCARE.
- Please ensure all uniforms are washed daily. Learners to wear winter uniform. We will be alternating formal winter uniform with the winter school tracksuit on alternate days. Correct hair styles, hair bands, earrings, etc. to be worn.
- Please note that normal school rules will apply eg. merits, demerits, break detentions, etc. We aim to get our children back to some sense of “normality”.
- All learners will be dismissed at 2pm on Monday to Thursday and at 13h30 on Friday. School starts at 07h45 and learners should NOT be late.
- There will be no extra murals – all learners to be fetched immediately after school. NO child should be waiting after school until late to be fetched!
- It is parents' responsibility to ensure that the correct safety protocols are adhered to in their children's transport.
- Please work with us in educating your children on the new social distancing norms and correct safety measures.

We are appealing to all parents to please work with us as we navigate this uncharted and uncertain path together. Please be patient with us as we may revise plans and procedures continuously as new information comes to light.

Looking forward to your continued support and co-operation in the term ahead.

Stay safe.


M.L. Kistadoo
Principal