



MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." ~ Robert Collier

From the Principal's Desk

Thank you for your support, co-operation and patience thus far. Last week we welcomed our Grade 7 learners back to school. From Monday, 24 August 2020, we will be phasing in the rest of the Grades (R-6) back to school. We will be using the half-class approach and alternating on a daily basis. We are now in term 3 as per the amended calendar.

The Minister has declared that schools will re-open for other grades on 24 August 2020. *Mulbarton Primary School has applied to the GDE to officially re-open school for Grades R-6 learners using a special rotational plan (this includes Grade 5 as well).* Our school has received all the required PPE's from the GDE.

Mulbarton Primary's phasing in plan involves grades R-7. Please take careful note of the days when Grades R-7 learners will be coming to school. Due to social distancing and safety around covid-19, unfortunately not all learners can return at the same time. As a result, we have formulated a plan where every class (from Grade R-7) will be split into 2 halves eg. RA1 and RA2, 1A1, 1A2, 2A1, 2A2, 6A1, 6A2, etc. See roster below.

Class 1 24 August	Grades RA1, RB1, RC1, 1A1, 1B1, 1C1, 1D1, 2A1, 2B1, 2C1, 2D1, 3A1, 3B1, 3C1, 3D1, 6A1, 6B1, 6C1, 6D1, 7A1, 7B1, 7C1, 7D1
Class 2 25 August	Grades RA2, RB2, RC2, 1A2, 1B2, 1C2, 1D2, 2A2, 2B2, 2C2, 2D2, 3A2, 3B2, 3C2, 3D2, 6A2, 6B2, 6C2, 6D2, 7A2, 7B2, 7C2, 7D2

With this plan we will have 50% of the capacity of the school on each alternate day. This means that all the grades (R-7) can return to school: all the classes referred to as "1" will return on 24 August and all the classes referred to as "2" will come on 25 August and thereafter alternate on each day (one day at school, one day work at home). In this way, we can ensure social distancing in and outside the classroom. The department of education is allowing schools to deviate from their plan if schools can show them their alternate plans and can ensure social distancing.

Teachers will be on duty from 7am. There will be four (4) entrances to the school:

1. Gate on Archibald Avenue at the Grade R centre (this is for Grade R learners only);
2. Gate on Archibald Avenue next to the teachers' driveway entrance (for Grades 1-3);
3. Pedestrian gate at the scholar patrol area on Dalbini Drive (for grades 4&5);
4. Driveway gate on the soccer field (for grades 6&7).

L. Kistadoo
Principal

Please park in the parking bays, then 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.

As mentioned previously, the safety and security of all at Mulbarton Primary is of paramount importance and we require everyone to assist with the guidelines/procedures below when all learners return to school. 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. Please note that the online Google classroom lessons will be stopped when all learners are back at school.

Covid-19 Procedure – Return of Grades R-7 Learners on Monday, 24 August and Tuesday, 25 August 2020:

- EVERY CHILD TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR OWN MASK ON THEIR FIRST DAY. If your child has no Mask – children will NOT be allowed to enter the school premises. Masks are compulsory. Masks received from the GDE will be given to learners on their first day. Please ensure that your children's masks are clearly labelled with their name, surname and grade.
- There will be four entrances to the school for learners – 2 on ARCHIBALD AVENUE (for Grades R-3) and 2 on Dalbini Road (for Grades 4-7). 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. Please educate your child on the various screening questions that they will be asked by the educators at the screening tables so that children are not confused by these questions.

- Learners who have a high temperature during the day 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.
- Strict social distancing will be observed (use red markers on the ground) – while queuing, while walking as well as while lining up in the line-up area.
- 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 their register teacher.
- After first break temperatures will be taken again when learners get back to class 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 FOR NOW 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”.
- Grades R-2 learners will be dismissed at 13h30 daily. Grades 3-7 learners will be dismissed at 2pm from 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! No Child is allowed to play in park or go to the shops!***
- 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.
- Learners will be given sufficient work for them to complete for their day at home – parents to please assist in ensuring that this takes place at home. This will be checked by their teachers when they return on the following day.

Please study the attached rotational calendar plan carefully so that you are aware when your child has to come to school and on which days your child should stay at home – sufficient work will be given to your child for them to complete at home. The black box indicates the days that the 1 classes should attend school and the white box indicates the days that the 2 classes should attend school. The day of the week inside the boxes indicates which day's timetable will be followed eg. on Friday, 28 August all the 1 classes will attend school and the Wednesday timetable will be followed. A sms will be sent to you indicating on which date your child should start school.

We are appealing to all parents to please work with us as we navigate this unchartered 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Kistadoo', written over a horizontal line.

Mr L. Kistadoo
Principal



NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR PHASE

CLASS 1

CLASS 2

- Each class will be split into 2 according to the register to ensure social distancing in the classroom.
- If you are in CLASS 1, follow the BLACK BLOCKS and if you are in CLASS 2, follow the WHITE BLOCKS. (The day in the block indicates the timetable to be followed)

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Monday	25 Monday	26 Tuesday	27 Tuesday	28 Wednesday	29
30	31 Wednesday					

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Thursday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Friday	5
6	7 Monday	8 Monday	9 Tuesday	10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12
13	14 Wednesday	15 Thursday	16 Thursday	17 Friday	18 Friday	19
20	21 Monday	22 Monday	23 Tuesday	24 Heritage Day	25 Tuesday	26
27	28 Wednesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday			

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Thursday	2 Friday	3
4	5 Friday	6 Monday	7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Tuesday	10
11	12 Wednesday	13 Wednesday	14 Thursday	15 Thursday	16 Friday	17
18	19 Friday	20 Monday	21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Tuesday	24
25	26 School holiday	27 School holiday	28 School holiday	29 School holiday	30 School holiday	31

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Monday	3 Monday	4 Tuesday	5 Tuesday	6 Wednesday	7
8	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Thursday	12 Friday	13 Friday	14
15	16 Monday	17 Monday	18 Tuesday	19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21
22	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Thursday	26 Friday	27 Friday	28
29	30 Monday					

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5
6	7 Wednesday	8 Thursday	9 Thursday	10 Friday	11 Friday	12
13	14 Monday	15 Monday	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		