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## MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.” ~ Dale Carnegie*

*From the Principal's Desk*

Parents, please note that our school had a visit from the Health Department last Thursday to conduct a risk assessment based on our report of 5 learners and 2 educators over a 3 week period having tested positive for covid-19. They verified our safety measure protocols and also visited classrooms themselves. They established the following:

- They checked that our contact at school is of a secondary nature and not close/direct contact. Close/direct contact is not wearing a mask, less than 1 metre space and longer than 15 minutes with the infected individual (all three factors to apply).
- Surface cleaning with disinfectants, wearing of masks, social distancing (in and out of class) and hand sanitising should continue to be enforced.
- Furthermore, they also state that different institutions have different circumstances/situations/risk factors and should not be compared to one another.
- They also determined that it is not recommended to close school.

Please note that as a school, we are trying our best to strictly adhere to the above safety protocols. Parents, please note that as infections are increasing – even among parents, we are appealing to parents not to send sick children to school – please keep them at home until they recover. However, please inform the school in this regard. We request that parents continue to monitor their children and inform us should any learner display any Covid-related symptoms. Please emphasise to your child, the importance of social distancing and no physical contact with other learners – even in their transport. Also, where possible, to refrain from attending social functions or gatherings as this has been one of the biggest causes of infections within school communities.

Parents, please note that it must be stressed again that every child **MUST** wear a mask to school – children will not be allowed to enter the school without a mask. Please ensure that your child has a mask on (and even a spare one in their bags) before they leave home – no buffs to be worn. Please emphasise to your child to keep their mask on for the duration of the school day – this is to ensure the safety of others and themselves.

Parents, please ensure that your child is studying hard and preparing for their formal assessments in all subjects. Learners are advised as to what is being assessed in these formal assessments tasks for each subject. Please note that learners are writing their formal

assessments during their normal class periods for that particular subject. There is no “examination timetable” as such. Learners have been advised in advance of the dates for their various formal assessments. Learners need to be focused and to work hard in order to produce a good term 2 report.

Please note the Grade 7’s are hosting a Fundraiser at school. A pajamas day will be held this Thursday & Friday, 10 & 11 June 2021 at a cost of R10 per learner. All learners (Grades R-7) will be allowed to come to school dressed in their pajamas on these days. Monies must be paid to their class teacher latest by Wednesday.

### **Covid-19 Procedure for Grades R-7 Learners:**

- MASKS ARE COMPULSORY. If your child has no mask – children will NOT be allowed to enter the school premises. Please ensure that your children’s masks are clearly labelled with their name, surname and grade. No buffs to be worn. Disposable masks will be sold at a cost of R10.
- There are three entrances to the school for learners – 2 on ARCHIBALD AVENUE (1 for Grade R and 1 for Grades for 1-3) and 1 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.
- 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**. 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 or a school assistant.
- 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 Aftercare is still closed.
- Please ensure all uniforms are washed daily. All learners to be dressed in full winter uniform. We will be alternating formal winter uniform with the PT winter uniform 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 the 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 ensure that your child has all the required books and stationery at school as no sharing or borrowing is allowed.

Please work with the school as far as the above aspects are concerned. Please be patient with us as we may revise plans and procedures continuously as new information comes to light.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Stay safe.

L. Kistadoo  
Principal

## *Reminders*

- **School Shop (for uniform) is open Tuesday and Friday from 08h00 – 09h30**
- Please download the School Communicator onto your PC, laptop or mobile phone for school info and news [www.school-communicator.com](http://www.school-communicator.com)
- Our banking details are: **NEDBANK BOOYSENS 198005 A/C # 1980316023.**
- **No cell phones, tablets or any other electronic devices are allowed at school**  
– If you are caught with these items, it will be confiscated and a penalty fee of R200.00 will be charged to get it back.
- **Left behind** - We are appealing to parents not to deliver items that your child has left behind or the parent has gone early morning shopping to bring to the learner – food; money; projects; sports kit; clothes; house keys; etc. What is left behind stays behind! Parents, children will never learn responsibility if you keep running after them. Please instill in them the habit of packing their bags and getting ready for school the night before! This also disrupts classes and lessons when children are constantly called up to the office.
- **Lost and found** - Parents, please insert a clear label with your child's name, surname & grade on all your child's uniform items (this applies to all learners in Grade R–7). We have a large number of uniform items in the Lost & Found container *without* labels, and we find that learners (and sometimes even parents) claim uniform items that do not even belong to them. Please note that all lost uniform items without labels will be washed and sent to our uniform shop for resale.