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## MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*“Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.” ~*  
Anonymous

*From the Principal's Desk*



**SUMMER UNIFORM** – Please note that we will be changing over to summer uniform. By 7 September all learners to be in full summer uniform. Girls – summer dress, Boys – open neck white shirt with grey shorts (only the Grade 7 boys are allowed to wear long grey pants the whole year). Correct hairstyles, correct hair bands and earrings for girls, correct socks and shoes must be adhered to. If you wish to purchase uniforms (if stocks are still available) please send the money with your child and the secretary will then take your child to the uniform shop as parents are still not allowed into school. Please note that **no mixing** of uniforms are allowed eg. track suit jackets with formal grey pants or track pants with jerseys are not allowed. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their appearance.

Please note that school starts at 07h45. The school gates open at 7am. Due to the length of the queues in the mornings, children need to arrive early so that the screening of all learners can be completed by 07h40. There are a number of children that are arriving at school past 07h45. Take note as well that the gates will be locked at 07h45 and thereafter all children will have to come through the office reception.

Parents, please note that on the days your child stays at home is **not a free day**. They will need to treat it as a school day. Sufficient work will be given to your child to complete. So your child will need to get up in the morning as if going to school and thereafter follow his/her class timetable for the day and thereby complete all the relevant work for that particular subject. Please re-inforce this at home. Please ensure that your child has a quiet, comfortable table or desk to work at, without any distractions, disturbances or interruptions (apart from break times).

***Please study the rotational calendar plan carefully which was given last week 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, 11 September all the 1 classes will attend school and the Wednesday timetable will be followed.***

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

- 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 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 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 may change over to summer uniform by 7 September. We will be alternating formal summer uniform with the summer PT 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 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 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