
MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." ~ Anne Bradstreet

From the Principal's Desk

Please note all learners should now be dressed 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.

Parents, please note that unfortunately we cannot have our scholar patrol teams on Dalbini Drive in the mornings and afternoons. We are appealing to all road users to follow the rules to avoid traffic congestion at the scholar patrol crossing. There are some taxi drivers/motorists who are inconsiderate and stop directly at the scholar patrol crossing or alongside the pavement for learners to be dropped off. This is NOT allowed as it is extremely dangerous for passing motorists. **Parents, please be patient and considerate!** There are also transport companies/parents stopping directly in front of our car park driveways (front & back of the school) to offload their children, then opening the car boot so their children can retrieve their school bags. Furthermore, there are certain transport companies/parents who park horizontally – taking up 2 or 3 parking bays – this is selfish and shows complete disregard for fellow road users! This is inconsiderate and causes huge traffic congestion as well. Please refrain from this – there are ample parking bays that should be utilized individually. Furthermore, please avoid parking close to the red painted dots along the fence – this is meant for learners to stand on for social distancing. **Please be notified that offenders' vehicle registrations numbers and vehicle descriptions will be recorded and forwarded to the JMPD! This is in accordance with instructions received from the JMPD!**

Please note that all **re-registration forms** (green in colour) MUST be returned to school to ensure that your child's place for 2021 is secured. This only applies to Grades 1-6 of 2020. These forms were issued to your child. Please complete and return to your child's class teacher urgently.

Please note that Tuckshop orders are taken early in the morning before 07h50 as no children are allowed to queue outside the tuckshop. No orders will be taken after this time. Please ensure that your child has the correct amount as per the menu.

Covid-19 Procedure for Grades R-7 Learners:

- MASKS ARE COMPULSARY. 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.
- 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.
- On days when there is inclement weather, learners will go directly to class where screening will take place.
- 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 or a youth brigade.
- 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 Aftercare is still closed.
- Please ensure all uniforms are washed daily. Learners may change over to full summer uniform from 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

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