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## 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*

Parents, please note that as of today, ALL learners will return to school on a daily basis as per The Department of Education. There is no more rotation of classes. The normal, traditional timetable will resume. Please make transport arrangements in this regard.

The current arrangement of learners entering and exiting the school will continue – there are three entrances to the school for learners – 2 on ARCHIBALD AVENUE (1 for Grade R and 1 for Grades 1-3) and 1 on Dalbini Road (for Grades 4-7). No parents will be allowed to enter onto the school premises.

Please note that school starts at 07h45 for all learners. The school gates open at 7am. Due to the full school returning, 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. Grades R-2 learners will dismiss at 13h30 and Grades 3-7 learners will dismiss at 14h00 – Monday to Thursday. Grades R-7 will dismiss at 13h30 on Fridays.

Learners will be seated in their classrooms as normal (2 learners per dual desk); please note that 1m spacing may not be possible. Learners will remain in their register classes for the duration of the school day.

Parents, please note that we all need to be extra cautious and vigilant concerning covid-19. We once again stress not to send sick children to school. Those learners who display symptoms should remain at home and be tested. Also, should a parent or family member display any symptoms and are being tested, we request that the child/children also remain at home until such time as the test results are available – please inform the school immediately of the results. If a parent or family member tests positive, then the child/ren should also isolate for 10 days even if the child shows no symptoms – if symptoms develop later, then these children must be tested as well. Please continue to keep our school, our community, and our country in your prayers.

Please note that all learners must be dressed in **full winter uniform**. This applies to formal and PT winter uniform. Boys and girls wear the same winter uniform. Formal uniform is as follows: black shoes; school socks; long grey pants; white collar long sleeved shirt; school tie; school jersey; school blazer; PT uniform: Long PT tracksuit with black takkies. Mixing of summer and winter uniform or a mixture of formal and PT uniform will not be allowed. Please ensure that the correct winter uniform is adhered to – teal or black scarves, beanies or gloves to be worn on extremely cold days. No other colours will be allowed! Correct hair styles and earrings for girls to be adhered to as well (NO highlights, streaks, wedges, etc.). Children with incorrect hair styles will be sent home. Also note that cellphones are NOT ALLOWED at school. If cellphones or any other electronic devices are brought to school, they will be confiscated, and a fine of R200 will be levied for its return.

**Parents, with the FULL school returning, please take careful note:** Archibald Avenue is to be treated as a one-way street from east to west at peak times (from 07h00 to 08h00 and from 13h00 to 15h00). We have parents stopping directly in front of our car park driveway or at the scholar patrol point to offload their children, then opening the car boot so their children can retrieve their school bags. This is inconsiderate and causes traffic congestion. Please refrain from this – there are ample parking bays that can be utilized. *Please be a considerate and courteous road user. Let's avoid the traffic congestion, more especially on a Friday afternoon!*

We would like to wish all women a Happy National Women's Day next Monday, 9 August. Enjoy this special day. Please note that school is closed on Monday, 9 August as it is a public holiday. Normal school will resume on Tuesday, 10 August.

### **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 screening will be done by staff members in their classrooms.
- If children's temperatures are above 38°C, the secretary will telephone parents to fetch the learners. Please educate your child on the various screening questions that will be asked by the educators 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, please 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 and while waiting after school .
- Learners will not move from class to class for change 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 the 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.
- 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.