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*"I long to accomplish a great and noble task but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble." ~ Helen Keller*

*From the Principal's Desk*

Parents, please continue to be extra cautious and vigilant concerning covid-19. We want to keep our school as safe as possible. We repeatedly 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 the Grade 7's are hosting a Career Day on 2 & 3 September 2021. This forms part of the Grade 7 LO curriculum. Learners from Grades R-7 can come to school dressed in their choice of their career eg. dressed as a policeman, nurse, doctor, fire-fighter, pilot, astronaut, teacher, etc. Grades R-6 learners will pay an amount of R10 to their class teacher.

Parents please get your children's summer uniform in readiness as the changeover will take place as soon as the weather starts to get warmer – possibly in September. Girls – summer dress, Boys – open neck white shirt (with the school badge on the pocket) and grey shorts (only the Grade 7 boys are allowed to wear long grey pants the whole year). Formal and PT uniform can be worn on alternating days – NO mixing of uniform please. Correct hairstyles, correct hair bands and earrings for girls, correct socks and shoes must be adhered to. We want our children looking neat and smart.

Too many parents are delivering food, money, books, keys, etc. because their child had forgotten them at home! **What is left at home stays at home!** Your child will never learn the gift of being responsible if parents are continually running after them. This can be avoided if bags are packed and checked the night before.

### **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. Please educate your child on the various screening questions that they 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 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