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## MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*“No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.” ~ Helen Keller*

*From the Principal's Desk*

Parents, please see attached letters from the SGB regarding the 2022 Budget and school fees for next year. It is crucial that all parents read through these thoroughly. The full, detailed 2022 budget will be available at the school reception for parents to peruse from today 8 November 2021. Please submit all return slips by Friday, 19 November 2021.

Thank you to all those parents who have fully settled their school fees. For those parents who have not, please ensure that your school fees are fully settled by the end of November 2021. All 2022 stationery packs must be ordered and paid for by now.

Please note – if your child is transferring from Mulbarton Primary at the end of the year (excluding Grade 7), please send a letter to the school requesting a Transfer Card which will be issued in December 2021. We have an extensive waiting list of new children wishing to enter our school so please don't hesitate if you know that your family will be relocating.

### **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. Learners may change over to full summer uniform from 6 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 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