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*“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”*  
~ Dale Carnegie

*From the Principal's Desk*

Please note that a book character dress up day will take place this Friday, 4 February. This is to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. Grade R-7 learners can be dressed in their favourite book character costume eg. Cinderella, a Prince, Red Riding Hood, etc. A cost of R10 must be paid to their class teacher by next Thursday, 3 February.

Please 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 drop off your child and leave so that other parents can utilize the parking bays as well. Please be courteous and considerate to our neighbours and the business center on Dalbini Drive – please do not block their driveways or entrances. We are appealing for the co-operation of all drivers so as to not to cause undue frustration in the mornings and afternoons.

### **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 their classrooms 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 are moving from class to class for change-over of subjects.
- 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 summer uniform. 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”.
- You will be advised as to when extra murals will commence – all learners to be fetched immediately after school or extra murals. ***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.
- All learners will be required to attend school daily – NO rotation of classes.
- 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*

- **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.
- **Absent from School** – If your child is not at school for 1 or 2 days, kindly write a note in the diary to the educator and if necessary supply the sick note. If your child is off longer than 2 days – Kindly notify the school, write a note in the diary and you will need to supply a sick note.

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