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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” ~ Martin Luther King Jnr

From the Principal's Desk

Parents, please note that with the ease of Level 1 restrictions, further adjustments have been made. Please note the following changes:

- Full return of all learners daily (we have implemented this from 12 January),
- There is no longer a need for 1m social distancing.
- Those who test positive with no symptoms do not have to isolate.
- If you test positive with symptoms, the isolation period has been reduced from 10 to 7 days.
- Contacts do not have to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

However, we all still 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 – please inform the school immediately of the results. Covid-19 vaccinations are open to all 12 year olds and above – please accompany your child to get their vaccines if you haven't done so already. The GDE and DOH are embarking on a covid-19 vaccine campaign in schools to vaccinate all 12 years and above, as well as staff parents and community. Please refer to the letter and consent form sent with your child last week (12 years and above) – Please complete and return to your child's class teacher.

Please note that as of tomorrow, 8 February 2022 we will be commencing with our extra murals – this comes as a result of the covid-19 restrictions being eased. We are very excited that our learners can get back to their respective sporting codes which they will nurture and excel in as they compete. Extra murals will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 14h00 until 14h45. Please note that ONLY learners who have returned the signed consent form to the letter sent last week will be allowed to participate in extra mural activities.

Please note as well that there are changes to the morning arrangements/entrance into the school. Staff will be commencing their duties later (07h30) due to later duties in the afternoon. As a result, learners coming in at 7am will be seated on the stands (per grade) until their teachers arrive – learners will then proceed to class at 07h25. Learners must wear a hat, sun screen, carry water whilst seated on the stands. Learners will be supervised by the school assistants during this time.

Please note that all learners will be allowed to come dressed in civvies (red, black or white) for Valentine's Day next Monday, 14 February. There will be no cost for this – however, learners who are constantly misbehaved and disruptive will not be allowed this privilege.

Please note that school photographs will be taken on 23 February 2022. The cost of the package of photos is R40. Please send the money to your child's educator as soon as possible. *The cut-off date for payment of photo money is on Monday, 21 February 2022.* On the day – please ensure that your child is in full formal summer uniform and to be neat and tidy. No tracksuits or PT uniform for the photo's please.

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.
- 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.
- Learners are moving from class to class for change-over of subjects.
- Each grade has a section in the school where they will be sitting during lunch breaks. Learners will be allowed some free movement during lunch breaks but interacting together during lunch breaks will not be permitted.
- 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 still 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. Summer PT uniform to be worn on PT days only. 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”.
- 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 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

