



27 May 2020

Good Afternoon Grade 7 Parents

**We are looking forward to welcoming the learners on 1 June. Remember this is going to be a strange environment for all of us. It is going to take us a while to get used to the new developments.**

There are various ways in which we are going to ensure the safety of your child and the educators.

- We are going to make use of two gates to enter the school, this is to ease the “traffic” flow.
- Gate 1: At the top of the hockey field. All the English Grade 7 learners must be dropped off at the hockey field’s gate.  
Gate 2: All the Afrikaans learners must be dropped off at the small gate nearest to Mr Joe Venter’s classroom.
- There are very clear markings on all the corridors, and in the classrooms, to ensure social distancing.  
All learner’s temperatures will be taken, each morning, on entering the school gates. They will be expected to answer a few questions on the first day, before entering the grounds.  
On arrival they must line up neatly to receive sanitizer for their hands.  
Only learners with masks will be allowed to enter the school grounds, nobody else.
- At the gate, the learners will be told to which class they must report to. They will also receive a card with their personal bar code which must be scanned every morning. This will replace the attendance register and also store their temperature data. The educator will already be waiting to receive them at the classroom.  
Learners will not change classes between each period, the teachers are going to move from class to class.  
There will be 8 Grade 7 classes and not 4 anymore. Maximum 15 learners per class.
- The school will enforce the use of hand-sanitizers and the use of running water and soap, regularly.  
Learners can bring their own sanitizer to school as well, should you prefer it.
- Learners will receive new time-tables. As soon as a next grade is phased in, they will receive new time-tables again.
- There will be no major activities at the school, such as: assembly, sporting events etc.
- Cell phones are allowed. This remains each parents’ prerogative. They will be handed in, each morning, during the first period to the teacher. The phones will be returned to learners at the end of the day.
- Social distancing will be maintained, and any physical contact and touching (handshakes or hugs), will not be allowed.
- The school will be cleaned daily, concentrating on high-risk areas such as: staircase railings, door handles and bathrooms. There will be cleaners at the bathrooms permanently to clean after each use. Only one learner, at a time, will be allowed to enter the bathroom.

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- Each class will be allocated a specific play area to ensure they maintain social distancing.
- **Learners and educators that do not feel well, MUST stay home. They must be tested for Covid – 19, should they display symptoms related to the virus. The school must be informed.**

It is parents' responsibility to inform the register teachers, as well as Me. Toerien ([sanette.toerien@gmail.com](mailto:sanette.toerien@gmail.com)) if your child suffers from any underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled.

- Your child must always wear his / her mask. People of all ages with the following underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled:  
Each learner will be provided with a mask by the Department. You are, however, welcome to provide your own. Although there are Vaalpark Masks, you are not compelled to purchase them. You can purchase any mask with which your child is comfortable.  
Should a learner not obey the rules and place the lives of other learners in danger through irresponsible behaviour, you may be requested to fetch your child from the school.
- Stigmatization will be curbed by means of thorough information sessions.

We are doing everything in our power to keep the environment safe. Please support us. Should any of the rules change in due course, we will keep you informed.

**VERY IMPORTANT::: Please complete the tear-off slip as proof of receipt of this circular and return by 1 June**

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I, parent of .....in Grade 7 ..... acknowledge receipt of the

circular about re-opening of school, as sent electronically on 27 May. My child has

received a video on Google Classrooms, with clear instructions regarding the re-opening of the

school.

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