



01 July 2020

Good afternoon Grade 6 parents

We are looking forward to welcoming the learners on 6 July. 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, but we as Valies except any challenge.

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

- All the Grade 6 & 7 learners must be dropped off at the small gate nearest to **Mr Jo Venter's classroom**.
- At the gate, the learners will be told to which class they must report. They will also receive a card on Monday morning, 6 July with their personal bar code on it, which must be scanned every morning. This will replace the attendance register and will also store their temperature data.
All learners' temperatures will be taken, each morning, on entering through 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.
There are very clear markings on all the corridors, and in the classrooms, to ensure social distancing.
Only learners will be allowed to enter the school, no **parents** are allowed.
- An 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 **4** English Grade 6 classes and not 2 anymore. Maximum 15 learners per class.
- To reduce the risk of contamination, the learners will leave their suitcases at school every afternoon and just take their lunchbox and barcode card home.
- 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 to.

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- Learners will receive new time-tables. As soon as a next grade is phased in, they will receive new time-tables again.
- Due to the fact that there may only be 50% of the learners at the school, you will receive information next week regarding the blue and green groups. Please ensure that you are thoroughly aware of what group your child is in, and that you will be able to continue on Google classroom in the time that your child may not be at school.
- 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.
- Each class will be allocated a specific play area to ensure they maintain social distancing.
- **Learners and educators who 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 a parent's responsibility to inform the register teachers, as well as Me. Toerien (sanette.toerien@gmail.com) if your child suffers from any underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled. Please inform us if you/your child was in contact with someone that was tested positive for Covid-19.
- Your child **must** always wear his / her **mask**. Each learner will be provided with a mask issued by the Department. You are, however, welcome to provide your own. Although there are Vaalpark masks,

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you are not compelled to purchase them. You can purchase any mask/visor 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.

- We would like to emphasize the importance of attending school. Please do not keep your child at home because he/she does not have the correct school uniform. We understand these are unusual times we are going through, but we trust you will do your best to keep your child/children as neat and correctly dressed as possible.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
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- Stigmatization will be curbed by means of thorough information sessions.
- **Covid-19 regulations stipulate that NO child may be at school after hours.** Please make sure you fetch your child directly after school.
- School times for Gr. 6: **7h30 – 14h15** (Mondays – Thursdays)
7h30 – 13h00 (Fridays)

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.

Please complete the tear-off slip as proof of receipt of this circular and return by 6 July.

I, parent ofin Grade 6
acknowledge receipt of the circular about re-opening of school, as sent electronically
on 01 July 2020.

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Signature of parent/guardian