

Newsletter

5 August 2020

Let's do this!

We are ready and eager to welcome back all our pupils next week Tuesday the 11th of August (Monday is a public holiday).

Yes, we know that CoVid is here, but we also acknowledge the following:

1. Several scientific reports suggest that children are less susceptible than adults, have milder symptoms and are less prone to transmit the disease than adults.
2. CoVid is here to stay. We do need to learn how to live safely WITH it around us in society, as it has no expiration date yet.
3. Children are facing long-term damaging consequences of remaining at home for extended periods of time. Their social, emotional and academic short-fall is very worrying to us.
4. Once open, the Department of Education encourages schools to remain open. Fogging is now regarded as ineffective and potentially unsafe by the DBE. They simply require the thorough cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces which we can honestly guarantee.



It is time for our pupils to have the privilege of live schooling again!

We would like to reassure you again that our children are screened, socially distanced, masked and their hands sterilised throughout the day. Our school uses litres of hand sanitiser and bleach. The only time our children may possibly not maintain a full 1,2m distance from each other is when they are playing outdoors at break on the playgrounds. Again, if you are uncomfortable with your child playing with other children on the playgrounds, please remember that we can ensure your little one remains socially distanced and does not play during these times. Just let us know that this is your preference. In order to avoid unnecessary public panic, we have also opted to not announce EVERY family member who may have CoVid in our school (e.g. parents, uncles, grandparents etc.). We will continue to announce if any child tests positive and if any staff member tests positive.



We are really NOT encouraging a worksheet-pack system for those wanting to remain at home. These packs CANNOT replace the quality of live schooling. We understand that children with serious comorbidities may need to remain at home, but those without comorbidities really do need to return to school.

Please use the Maraboe Street gate (Teacher's parking) or the Troll Bridge gate for drop off in the mornings. Remember - masks outdoors and optional shields indoors.

AFTER CARE WILL BE OPEN AGAIN FROM TUESDAY THE 11TH OF AUGUST.

Immunisations...

We have been asked by the VVOS organisation to remind all our Grade Rs that they are due for immunisations this year. Please make an appointment with your local clinic to keep your child safe and protected from diseases other than CoVid.



Preschool show time...

Don't forget our show this Friday. Grow@Eduplus will be doing separate smaller shows to accommodate social distancing in the hall. We look forward to their wild animal fun!

Playing fair...

It becomes critical at this time of the year for us to know if you are NOT planning to come back in 2021. Particularly our little Grade R pupils. Please let us know, as we do currently have a waiting list.



Time-table for 2020...

We know that this time-table, like most 2020 time-tables, has been changed so many times, but as things currently stand, we are planning to stick to the following dates:



Term 3	Concludes 18 September
School holiday	19 September - 4 October
Term 4	5 October - 2 December

We would also like to confirm that our school will NOT start the 2021 school year on 25 January (as announced by the DBE). We will follow an adapted 2021 school time-table, most probably beginning in the week 11-15 January. We are waiting for the full government school calendar for 2021 before announcing our changes.

Prayerfully
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Classifieds...

- Uncle Darrel has a friend who is desperately looking for a sewing machine to start a home-made clothing company to support herself. Please contact Uncle Darrel or the school if you have one to sell or donate. This lady will also be selling delicious biscuits (see below). Contact Uncle Darrel to place orders.

