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Dear Foundation Phase Parents / Guardians

We are very excited to receive back our Grade R-3 learners!

The dates for reopening are as follow:

Monday, 6 July 2020: All learners in Group A

Monday, 13 July 2020: All learners in Group B

We will be following a bi-weekly timetable. This means that each class has been divided into two halves to help us to better facilitate social distancing in the classroom. Learners will come to school every second week. Learners will receive work to be done at home during the week that they do not come to school. Learners will not receive homework during the weeks they are at school. Their stationery will stay in class. Arrangements will be made regarding the returning of work done during the weeks at home.

If you have opted for lockdown learning, then these dates do not apply to you. Dates for assessment will be communicated to you, and your child will only have to be present at school for these days. Assessment will not be done in class, but will be done in the hall which will be sanitised between sessions. Arrangements will be communicated to you regarding the collection of work for you to do with your child at home. Please keep in mind that if you choose lockdown learning, the work will be provided to you by the school, but you as parent will be responsible for teaching your child. Your child's teacher will still be available to give you advice.

LEARNERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO COME INTO THE SCHOOL FROM 07:00 - 07:25.

- 1. Grade R and 1 learners will use the gate in Manser Street to enter and exit the school. They will line up in the parking lot on the social distancing dots in front of the sign for their class. Learners will be screened as they enter the school grounds. When all the learners in the class have arrived the teacher will accompany them to their class. Please do not drop your child off at any other gate.**
- 2. Grade 2 and 3 learners will use the gate at the rugby field to enter and exit the school. They will line up on the social distancing dots in front of the sign for their class. Learners will be screened as they enter the school grounds. When all the learners in the class have arrived, their teacher will accompany them to their class. Please do not drop your child off at any other gate.**
3. Thermal scanners, sanitiser and masks will be provided by the Department of Education. Therefore all teachers and learners will be required to wear masks. **Entry to the school will be refused if no mask is worn. Although masks will be provided, all learners must arrive at school already wearing masks.** Please ensure that your child is in possession of the necessary protective items. Learners will be required to maintain a distance of 1.5 meters between each other and no physical contact will be allowed. Academic work will take top priority. Steps have been taken to ensure that proper distancing will be possible in classrooms.

4. Learners' temperatures will be measured every morning with a thermal scanner and a basic health screening will be completed.
5. No visitor, parent or guardian will be allowed to enter the school except in extraordinary cases and then only with express consent given by the principal. This includes learners in other grades
6. Only four learners at a time will be allowed to enter the bathrooms. Learners will be given special permission cards to go to the bathroom. Learners' hands will be sanitised before and after they leave the class to go to the bathroom.
7. In accordance with Minister Motshekga's statement, all after school activities have been cancelled. **All learners are required to go home directly after school at 13:45.** In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, the waiting area will also be closed until it is deemed safe. No learners will be allowed to wait there for their parents or transport.
Grade R and 1 learners will use the same gate in Manser Street which they use to enter the school in the morning, to exit the school.
Grade 2 and 3 learners will exit through the gate at the rugby field.
Please be on time to collect your child. No learners will be permitted to wait with learners from a different grade at a different gate.
8. We have not yet received any guidelines regarding the opening of the tuck shop. For this reason, the tuck shop will remain closed until further notice. **All learners must please bring their own lunch with them to school.** Learners will not be permitted to drink directly from a tap, and **all learners must bring along their own water bottles which can be refilled during the day.**
9. School uniform:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Regular school uniform
Tuesdays and Thursdays: Jeans, Empie shirt, sneakers and any warm jacket.
Please do not send your child to school with a blanket as this is difficult to sanitise.
10. **If your child is sick, please DO NOT send them to school.** If learners have higher body temperatures than what is deemed safe by medical professionals or any other visible symptoms they will be sent home immediately. Parents must not leave until they have seen that they're children have entered the school.

We are grateful for the co-operation of every parent during this difficult and uncertain time.

Kind regards,

Mrss. J van der Merwe & S da Costa
DH: Foundation Phase

Mr. O Vermeulen
Principal