

Pretoria, 12.01.2020

Dear Parents,  
Dear Learners,

We wish you all a Happy New Year 2021 and hope you are and will remain healthy!

Unfortunately, the Corona situation in South Africa and the Gauteng region did not improve during the summer holidays. The numbers of infections are increasing exponentially, hospitals are working their limits, mutations are more contagious, vaccinations are not yet available, etc.

Therefore, the DSP will not start the school year 2021 with classroom-based teaching, but with distance teaching (digital and analogue).

However, due to emotional, social, and pedagogical reasons, a class teacher/administration/get-to-know-you day will be held at the school for each class (VS - 12) from 8.00 to 13.00 in the first week of school (18.01.2021 - 22.01.2021). On these days, new teachers can introduce themselves personally, new classmates can be welcomed personally, organizational matters can be clarified, contact details can be updated, etc., to ensure a good start to the new school year despite all adversities.

We will proceed as follows:

Monday, 18.01.2021:	Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 12
Tuesday, 19.01.2021:	Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 11
Wednesday, 20.01.2021	Grade 2 Grade 7 Grade 10
Thursday, 21.01.2021:	Grade R Grade 8 Grade 9
Friday, 22.01.2021:	Grade 1 Grade 5 Grade 10

The entry procedure (7.00 - 7.55am, please see website) remains the same as in 2020, with the pick-up taking place between 13.00 and 13.30. Learners who are new to our school should please mention this at the gate



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while having their temperature screened, so that you can be informed and/or escorted accordingly.

The existing hygiene protocols (mask, hand washing, keeping distance, etc.) are still to be strictly followed and the wearing of school uniform is compulsory. Please provide your children with sufficient food and drinks for the school day.

The grade 1 school opening ceremony planned for 19.01.2021 will not take place. You will receive more information about this on 22.01.2021 from the Primary School in a separate letter.

As soon as the respective classes have had their introduction day during the first week, we will commence with online learning. Online, we will continue to work with Microsoft Teams as a platform. During the summer holidays, some tools were relaunched or restructured, which we hope will make our work more efficient. Furthermore, each teacher will work from a secure workspace in the school, which will promote quick communication, good information flow and structure for all involved.

Teacher/learner interaction, explanations, live chats, consultations, meetings, uploading and working on worksheets, etc. in the individual subjects, take place in the respective classes, in the designated lesson times according to the timetable, starting at 8.00am. Daily check-in via Teams with the class teacher before 8.00am is required.

In the case of illness, we ask for information as soon as possible, or an excuse and after three days a sick note from the doctor. Therefore, school ends daily at 3.45pm at the latest. There are no extra-curricular activities offered now.

We ask that you purchase the required textbooks as soon as possible so that we can start our work immediately.

Should the Government and/or the DBE decide to take further measures as part of the Lockdown, we will adjust our planning accordingly and inform you thereof as soon as possible.

Kind regards



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