



# HARTLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Respected Parents & Guardians

Hope all is well with you and your families.

## **THE PHASED IN RETURN OF LEARNERS AS PER NOTICE 370 OF 2020**

GRADES	RETURN DATE TO SCHOOL	CURRENT SITUATION
Grade 7	8 June	in school on alternate days
Grade 6	6 July	in school on alternate days
Grade R	6 July	awaiting confirmation
Grade 3	20 July	awaiting confirmation
Grades 1 & 2	27 July	
Grade 4	17 August	
Grade 5	31 August	

## **NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CIRCULAR 02 OF 2020**

With regard to assessment, the above circular highlighted the following key aspects:

### **The Foundation Phase (R 1 2 & 3)**

- The School Based Assessment (SBA) constitutes a 100% weighting.
- There are no formal assessments in term 2.
- The marks at the end of the year will comprise of all continuous assessments done in term 1; 3 and term 4.

### **The Intermediate and Senior Phase (4 5 6 & 7)**

- The mid-year examination was cancelled in all grades to allow for more teaching time.
- There will be no formal assessments for term 2.
- The marks at the end of the year will comprise of:
  - Assessments done in term 1 and term 3 which will contribute 80 % of the final mark.
  - A School Based Test replaces the end of the year examination in term 4 and will contribute 20 % towards the final mark.

## **SUPPORTING LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES AND OTHER HOME BASED LEARNERS**

There is no replacement for the traditional face to face teaching and this is what should happen ideally. However due to the current pandemic; our school is committed to providing classroom instruction as well as supporting our learners at home. There will be no hard copies distributed from school. Learning Material and worksheets will be sent to parents in the following two ways:

- Our school website. Log on to [www.hartleyprimary.co.za](http://www.hartleyprimary.co.za)
- Emailed direct to your inbox. About 20 parents do not have email addresses. Please set up one.
- Furthermore, as per parent's request; these worksheets and learning material for all subjects will be posted on the website and emailed a week in advance on a Friday so that parents can download and print during the weekend. Home based learners can complete the activities during the course of the week. A plea to our parents or other responsible adults in the household to supervise the work. If there is a delay; please be patient.

- In term 3 and term 4; the school will communicate to parents in advance regarding the dates and times of the formal assessments / school based tests. These will be written during school hours in a separate venue following the COVID protocols.

### **A THUMBS UP TO THE HARTLEY TEAM**

On behalf of the SGB and Management; we would like to express our gratitude to the Hartley Educators; Admin; IT and Support Staff for their dedication and hard work in ensuring that we provide a safe and conducive learning environment for our learners.

### **Our Educators:**

- Distributed hard copies to our parents.
- Prepared learning material and worksheets for both class based and home based learners.
- Engaged in teaching amid a challenging climate.
- Attended workshops conducted by our IT Department so that we move to the next level in our online program.
- Prepared their own video lessons in selected subjects and uploaded onto website.

Our appreciation to our screeners who are on duty at 7.00 am in the morning and our Covid Team who are monitoring and supporting those that were affected.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The School Calendar has been amended again. Once confirmed; we will share with our parents.
- Admissions for siblings (R to 7) has commenced. Non siblings will commence from next Monday.
- Applications for exemption from school attendance have been handed to the Head of Department for approval.
- Parents experiencing difficulty with the payment of fees must complete a Fee Concession Form which is obtainable from Mr. Ahmed Ismail; our Finance Officer. Please call him to make arrangements for pick up from school.
- In addition to our normal Telkom telephone lines (031 2073498) we have added two cellular lines (060 357 6942 / 076 600 2558)
- Our Reception Staff are on duty from 7.30 am until 2.30 pm (Mon to Thurs) and until 12 pm on a Friday
- Our School is implementing the Covid Protocols strictly to ensure that all learners and personnel are safe.

### **WATCH THE MEDIA REGARDING THE PHASING IN OF OTHER GRADES**

With the increasing rate of infection; the Unions and other interested parties have appealed to the Minister of Education to close schools until the peak is over. The Minister has had discussions with the Council of Education Ministers and Cabinet will be consulted over the next few days. Parents are advised to watch for any further announcements by our Minister of Education over the weekend.

### **DATES TO DIARIZE**

1. Admissions commenced for Siblings : 06/ 07 / 2020
2. Admissions to commence for Non Siblings : 20/ 07 / 2020
3. Uploading and Emailing of Learning Material : Every Friday
4. Day of Eid-ul-Adha : 31<sup>st</sup> July ( Friday School Closed )

***THE SGB; MANAGEMENT & STAFF WISH ALL OUR MUSLIM PARENTS A JOYOUS EID.***

**M.R. BALLIM**  
*ACTING PRINCIPAL*

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