

Tuesday, 31 August 2021

Lockdown letter no 19

Dear Parents and Guardians

Kindly note the important issues which follow:



1. Our new drive-through facility for the dropping off and collection of your children is working well. The school made a huge investment in this facility and it has proven to be a much safer and more efficient system.

There are, however, still some parents who are putting children in danger by not following the correct procedures. The most important one is that **parents and guardians must please drop their children off and collect them only from the drive-through facility**. Some parents/guardians are parking outside the school, to drop their child off in the morning or to fetch them in the afternoon. This creates a significant increase in the amount of congestion outside the school and this blocks traffic, reduces visibility and causes children to walk in the street, which is a very dangerous scenario.

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We invested additional funds this year to improve the efficiency and flow of traffic at the drive-through. Delays have been reduced to the minimum, so please be patient and use the drive-through. We have to keep our children safe and avoid dangerous situations.

The other factor causing delays and congestion is parents/guardians who arrive too early in the afternoon and then occupy a parking bay for a long time while waiting for their child. This is inconsiderate and causes frustration and delays. **Please collect your child at the correct time and leave as soon as your child is in the car**. If you are collecting two children from different age groups, please come at the later time for the older child and fetch both children at once. We will keep the younger child at the drive-through for you. The Monday–Thursday collection times are 1:30 pm for Grades R to 3, 1:45 pm for Grades 4 to 7 and 2:00 pm for Grades 8 to 12. On Fridays, the collection times are 1:00 pm for Grades R to 3, 1:15 pm for Grades 4 to 7 and 1:30 pm for Grades 8 to 12.

Transport drivers must continue to park in front of the second building and collect their children from the gates in front of the building in the afternoons. This reduces delays and congestion in the slipway. Staff have been instructed to release children from the gates in front of the second building **ONLY** if they are collected by a transport driver. Children collected by a parent or guardian are sent to the drive-through for collection.

Please always cooperate fully with our staff, as they are there to assist you.

2. "Awesome August" has been introduced as a morale-booster because our young people are tired of a long winter, feeling afraid of COVID-19 and feeling sad about the loss of loved ones. We've had "Happy Wave to each other Day", "Sunglasses Day", a "Ladies First Day" in honour of Women's Day, "Funny Feet Day", "Happy Hat Day", "Winter Woollies Day" (Grade R), a "Farewell to Winter Picnic", a "COVID Can't" display, "Spring Flowers Day" and a Matric "Pebble Blessings" display. Great fun has been had by all! It's great to smile more and to hear more laughter on campus.
3. We know that there has been much discussion and debate around the October holiday break. Please note that our October break dates remain the same:
Last day of Term 3: Thursday 30 September (Foundation Phase ends at 11:30 am, Intermediate Phase ends at 11:45 am and High School ends at 12 noon)

[Last day of Term 3: Friday 1 October for Matrics writing Geography Paper 1 (Matric Preliminary Examination.) This was a last-minute change from the Education Department.]

First day of Term 4: Tuesday 12 October, at 7:45am

[Boarders to report back to Hostel on Monday 11 October, between 2 - 5pm, with doctors' clearance certificates dated no earlier than Saturday 9 October. Advanced Hostel fees for October are also payable before readmission]

4. The Matric Preparatory examinations are in full swing. The Matrics are coping well, and they and their teachers are in our prayers.

Your children continue to be a joy to teach! We are grateful to work with positive parents and guardians, delightful learners and dedicated staff. God is good, all the time.

Yours in quality education



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