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# RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents

Walking through the campus this week, I was welcomed with the laughter of children's' voices and teachers excited to be with their students. I hope that our new families have settled in. Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school if you require clarity or assistance.

Sadly, we are still facing a few challenges regarding Covid-19 and it remains the school's priority to ensure the safety of all staff and students. Change is never comfortable whether it is positive or negative. Change can happen by chance, by choice, by crisis. Covid-19 is all about disruption and change. Working with disruption requires courage, open-mindedness, and the desire to see windows and doors that will appear if looking through the right lens. **Attitude is key.** The only form of control we really have in life is the attitude we choose in any given moment regardless of the circumstances we are facing.

I received a number of emails this past week from concerning parents who have been very concerned about our student's health whilst at school knowing that government schools will only be back on 15 February. It is very important for me to once again confirm that we can only focus on what we can control.

We cannot control what is happening outside of the school gate and in the community. However, I can assure you that we abide by every requirement and regulation prescribed to us by the Department of Health and the Department of Basic Education, to ensure that our teachers and students are safe.

As it currently stands, we are legally allowed to welcome back all our students from the ECD as well as Grade1-7.

Our Motto "**No Mask , No Entry**" remains our number one priority. Daily screening and testing are done twice a day. Our students remain in one class and teachers move around. Staggered breaks have been put into the timetable to ensure that our students adhere to social distancing rules and regulations.

We continue to provide hand sanitizers in every class. Our cleaning staff are using prescribed sanitizing materials to ensure that our classrooms and any other surfaces are cleaned regularly.

If we are unable to keep perspective in disruptive times, we run the risk of getting stuck in the negative emotions and feeling completely overwhelmed or buried by them. Instead, if we are able to hold on to perspective then we empower ourselves and are able to keep our fears in proportion.

I fully understand the frustrations around the sudden online teaching. We will continue to assist parents and students where possible, to make their online experience a positive one.

This week also saw the start of some limited after school activities for Grade 1 -7 and the ECD students. We will adjust our extra mural programme as and when we get permission to extend our activities. Any adjustments will be communicated with you in advance.

An adjusted term planner will be shared with our parents during the course of this week as well.

Covid -19 is here to disturb and disrupt our daily lives for many months to come. Love it or hate it, change and disruption are pathways to personal and professional growth. It all depends on how you view the world.

In closing, parents are reminded that the uniform shop is only available in the afternoons from 13h30. Please plan your visit to the school shop accordingly. The orders to restock our uniform shop have been placed with the suppliers and as soon as the stock arrives and it has been sorted in the shop, we will inform you when you can start purchasing. Your patience and understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Until next time, BE SAFE out there.

**Jannie Le Roux**



**GRADE 1  
CLASSES**



**BUTTERFLIES**

**TEDDIES**



**GRADE 2  
CLASSES**



**KITTENS**

**FISH**



**GRADE 3  
CLASSES**



**BEEES**

**LADYBIRDS**



**PROUD RIDGEWAY  
STUDENTS LOOKING  
SMART IN THEIR  
UNIFORM**

