

RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

COVID-19 UPDATE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Re-opening of schools under COVID-19 restrictions

We have been told that by Friday, the regulations around the re-opening of schools will be gazetted. As soon as we have clarity on whether or not we can return earlier, we will let you know. Until then, we will remain online. The online timetable is attached.

2. School uniform

The transitional phase from one uniform to another is never easy, particularly when the change is as drastic as ours has been. There have been several frustrations around this, with orders being delayed and sizing errors. From tomorrow, if you have ordered something that does not fit, please bring it to the school so we can try to arrange a swop, unless the size ordered was extremely big or extremely small. On Monday next week, the uniform shop will be open to ALL parents to come and buy whatever we have. Instead of asking parents who have not yet ordered any uniform to do so, we (the school) will place a bulk order in January. If you have not yet ordered and your child has an unusual clothing size, please let us know so we can accommodate that.

3. Payment of fees

The last two weeks have been very stressful for the Finance Department and senior management. Finances are never an easy matter to discuss and we rely on school fees to pay our staff and run our school.

In our agreement which all parents sign, we state that fees are due every month on the 4th of the month. I think that this month, with all the expenses of December and such, the January payment was missed by some parents. Mrs. Waller anticipated this and sent several warnings to parents, including an email last Friday, detailing the consequences of fees not being paid.

All students have a right to an education, but private education is a choice. In making that choice, we hope you recognize the benefits thereof: a small school, quality teaching and an IEB standard of education that will set your child up for greater success at university.

I urge parents who are struggling to meet their commitment, to meet with Mrs. Waller to plot a way forward. Times have been tough for us all. We are doing our level best to honour our commitments as teachers and ask that you do the same. My sincere thanks to the parents who have paid their fees. We are grateful.

4. Online lessons

Today saw the start of our online timetable. We will be keeping register and will be messaging parents whose children are not on google classroom (Grade 4 -7) or who are not handing in work, as per the teacher's arrangements with students. Those parents that have not joined SeeSaw yet (Grade RR – 3) please do so urgently.

Thank you for your support and understanding and please keep safe.