

RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents

We are waiting with baited breath to hear what the President will announce on Sunday evening.

As it stands now and as per the latest published government gazette and update from ISASA, it will be all systems go for our students to return on **Monday, 26 July**.

In light thereof, we would like to bring the following under your attention.

1. Ground staff will be on duty at the main gate to ensure that everybody arrives at school with a mask on.
2. NO extra mural activities will take place until further notice.
3. NO tuck-shop until further notice.
4. Staggered breaks will remain in place.
5. Designated play areas for FP and SP will remain in place.
6. A roster system for morning and afternoon scanning will remain in place and enforced daily. Staff will continue to check in and get scanned in the morning and afternoon.
7. Intervention for Grade 1-3 and Grade 4 – 7 will continue as normal as it forms part of the academic support programme.
8. All school tours have been **CANCELLED**.
9. All students to be reminded that they must carry an extra mask in their bag – this must be checked weekly please!
10. The term calendar will be adjusted week by week and parents will be informed in our weekly newsletter.
11. **UNIFORM UPDATE!!** The outstanding uniform stock has arrived. It is now possible for you to purchase what is needed from the uniform shop at school. The shop will be open from Monday to Friday this coming week from 8am until 1pm.
12. **ALL students to wear full uniform on Monday!**

Should it happen that we cannot bring all our students back on Monday, we have prepared a hybrid timetable for our students. It will work as follows (but **ONLY** if the President disallows schools to open on Monday):

1. All level 4 regulations will be applied.
2. Grade 4 -7 will be allowed on campus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for face to face classes as per the normal time table.
3. Grade 4 -7 students will receive class work to be completed on Thursday and Friday and submit to their teachers the following week. This will be communicated to the students via their teacher.
4. ECD will function as normal for face to face contact time from Monday to Friday.
5. Grade 1-3 will be allowed on campus on Thursday and Friday. Work will be issued for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in hard copy and on SeeSaw. This will be communicated by the teachers on their WhatsApp groups.
6. Intervention programme will continue for students who require additional help as per our intervention programme.
7. No other extra-curricular activities will be allowed for Grade 1-7 until further notice.

With the continued increase of Covid infections, it could mean that some of our students will not be able to return to school on Monday as they might be quarantined due to an immediate family member been placed in isolation. Should this be the case, the following procedure will be implemented to assist those students from not falling behind the rest of the class.

1. Teachers will compile a list on a spreadsheet by no later than Friday, 23 July of who will not return.
2. It will indicate the date of when a student can return.
3. This will be monitored and updated by the respective HOD and register class teacher.
4. Students not returning on Monday must provide a formal letter from the parent /guardian as to why the student cannot return. If a parent/guardian is tested positive and the student is in quarantine, then proof must be submitted thereof by the parent.
5. Students not returning will be provided with work in two formats, via Google Class for Grade 4 -7 and SeeSaw for Grade R – 3. Clear instructions will be given to the student/s in this regard.
6. Hard copies will only be provided under extreme cases and will need to be cleared and approved by the relevant HOD.
7. Students that need assistance due to lack of contact time will be accommodated during the intervention lessons, as per our term 3 Intervention programme. The focus will be on Math, Science and English. Other subjects will be accommodated as per the individual need of the student/s. This will be arranged by the said student and teacher directly.
8. Work given to students online and not being submitted to the teacher by the due date, will lose 40% of their total mark for that assignment.

Almost a third of the total number of ECD and Prep parents have not honoured their financial commitments this past month or so. This makes it very difficult for us as a school to continue running our operations effectively. This will directly influence the purchasing of academic material and other school related resource materials.

Students with **OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES** will unfortunately **NOT** be allowed to return to school on Monday. They will **NOT** receive any academic material for in class and/or online purposes and their term 2 report will be **WITHHELD** until the outstanding fees have been paid. Thank you to those parents who continue to honour their financial commitments, it is greatly appreciated.

I have no doubt that the continued emotional stress on all of us and the community will continue as we face new challenges on a daily and weekly basis. Please know that we are here for each other, and together we will be stronger.

Be safe, Be blessedand keep warm over the weekend.

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LITTER BUGS
Because litter bugs us

MANDELA DAY
VIRTUAL LITTER CLEAN UP

16-18 July 2021

Mask up, grab a rubbish bag, a rake or broom and clean up wherever you are!
Post your photos on Facebook: @LitterBugsBenezi

Help keep our country clean - and safe!

What I did for Mandela Day



I HELPED CLEAN MY NANA'S YARD



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
Mother Teresa

VIRTUAL LEARNING

