



# LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #16

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## Lockdown Homework Letter 6

The Lockdown Homework Programme for this week was uploaded onto the D6 School Communicator (under the Homework Tab) on **Sunday, 17 May**. Lockdown Homework has been prepared for Monday to Friday of this week.

## The Reopening of Schools

On **Tuesday, 19 May** the Minister of Basic Education Mrs Angie Motshekga addressed the nation with information regarding the reopening of schools.

(See link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1CLa3H4usq319kd1iSyixVJ7i9Js5xFdD> )

Her address, although not giving full details, reiterated that schools would **reopen for Grade 7 on 1 June 2020**.

The Minister of Basic Education promised that news regarding the return of the other Grades, adjustment to the School Calendar, Standard Operating Procedures, trimming of the 2020 academic syllabus etc. will follow in due course,

The Management Team and I are now back at school at last, and are preparing the school for the Teaching Staff to return to Laddsworth on **Monday, 25 May 2020**.

Be assured we are not going to be held back by the Department of Basic Education's inefficiencies.

My staff and I will ensure that the school is safe and that our education catch-up plans are in place. We will do our utmost best to make sure that your child is not disadvantaged academically, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am very pleased to report that Mr Pieters and the Support Staff Team all reported back to work this morning. After a brief Safety and Orientation Meeting, they began the enormous task of preparing the school for reopening.

The grass was knee-high in some places and the weeds had taken root wherever they can during the 7 weeks that we have not been allowed access to the school due to the Lockdown.

The Support staff is doing a brilliant job of cutting, clearing and cleaning the school. I am very grateful to them for their willingness to get 'stuck in' with such enthusiasm.

I am eagerly anticipating the prospect of returning to school and look forward to overcoming the many challenges that this pandemic has brought with it.

Enjoy this very special time with your children.

We are a community, we are the Laddsworth Family.

Stay safe.

*G. Lambooy*

Mr G Lambooy

**HEADMASTER**

### **Thought from the Headmaster**

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"New beginnings are exciting!

They become exciting to us because they offer the promise of hope,  
the anticipation of change in our lives,  
and the prospect that our dreams will indeed come true!"

**Squire Rushnell**