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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #17

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26 May 2020

Anticipated Return of Staff to School

After receiving KZN Circular 30 of 2020 on Sunday evening, Principals were instructed not to allow teaching staff back to school until **Thursday, 28 May 2020**. The reason given was not all PPE and sanitation materials had been distributed to all schools.

I am hopeful that all our staff will be allowed to report to school on **Thursday, 28 May**.

Staff will undergo a Safety and Orientation briefing, and then begin planning and preparing to start the next phase of formal education.

The Support Staff started work on **Wednesday, 20 May**. They have done a brilliant job of cutting, clearing, cleaning and sanitizing the school. I am truly grateful to Mr Pieters and his Support Team for going the extra mile in preparing the school for opening.

Lockdown Homework Letter 7

The Lockdown Homework Programme was uploaded onto the D6 School Communicator (under the Homework Tab) on **Sunday, 24 May** for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Thursday and Friday has no homework, instead pupils must use these two days to catch-up and consolidate all homework thus far.

The School Management Team and I are planning a 'Drive-Through' Collection for Grades 1 to 6 next week on **Wednesday, 3 June 2020**.

This will enable staff to distribute textbooks, workbooks, exercise books and First Term Reports etc. The logistics of the implementation thereof, will be communicated in due course.

For next week, we will continue to upload the Lockdown Homework and Resources electronically on the D6 School Communicator.

In the weeks ahead we will move towards providing more hard copy material from the school. This will reduce the burden on parents to print material.

We will be extending and improving our online teaching capabilities to allow for video and audio messages to be sent to the pupils. This will provide an exciting dimension to our educational offering at Laddsworth.

Staff Emails

All staff email accounts are now up and running. A list of these school email addresses has been posted under RESOURCES (Email Addresses for SMT and Class Teachers) on the D6 School Communicator.

If you would like to contact your child's teacher, you are welcome to email them directly.

Parents prepare your children before returning to School

I appeal to parents to prepare their children by encouraging them to wear their masks and wash their hands frequently. Speak to your children about why it is very important to stay safe when they return to school.

Please see the suggestions below that will ensure the safety of your child on their return to school.

- Handwashing is the most important thing your child can do to keep everybody safe. Try and make regular hand-washing fun, by using a favourite song they can wash their hands to and encourage them to use the same routine at school.

- Remind your child to always wash their hands before eating, playing outside or starting activities and after touching hard surfaces.
- Talk to your child about 'playing safely' when they are with their friends. Explain to them the importance of making sure they give others 'breathing space' - not to be so close to others that they can breathe on, or touch other children.
- Social distancing is compulsory; children must keep 1.5m away from others at all times.
- Explain to your child that they will need to eat their own food, and drink their own drinks. Sharing food or drinks is not allowed.
- Let your child know that sanitizing the school and their classroom will be of the utmost importance.
- Explain to your child that it will be compulsory to wear face masks at all times.

An informative video message from Naomi Holdt (Educational Psychologist) where she advises parents about educating children about Covid-19 and preparation to return to school has been posted under RESOURCES (From the Headmaster) on the D6 School Communicator.

Please see link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/429098167487524/posts/1047122825685052?vh=e&d=n&sfns=mo>

Thank You

A parent, Andrew Hall and his deep-cleaning team from Halls Retail, started sanitizing our school this afternoon at 14h30. I sincerely thank Halls Retail for donating all the sanitizing chemicals to deep-cleanse our school.



Kind regards

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HEADMASTER

Thought from the Headmaster

"Safety brings first aid to the uninjured."

Don't learn safety by accident.

F.S. Hughes