



# LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #18

TERM TWO

02 JUNE 2020

## Homework Week 8

The Homework Programme was uploaded onto the D6 School Communicator (under the Homework Tab) on **Sunday, 31 May** for this week.

## Postponement of the reopening of School for Grade 7

On **Sunday, 31 May 2020**, Basic Education Minister Mrs Angie Motshekga, unfortunately postponed her scheduled press briefing twice.

At 11h00 on **Monday, 1 June 2020** she addressed the Nation and stated the following:

- She apologised for the late postponement of her previous commitments and for the chaos that the postponements of her announcement had caused.
- She explained, at length, the many meetings that she had held with various stakeholders.
- She said that based on these meetings it had become clear that there were different states of readiness throughout the provinces and districts.
- She instructed "*that parents do not bring Grades 7 and 12 learners to school today; but teachers, whose PPEs have been delivered, are expected to report for work, and carry out the responsibilities I have already spelled-out. More importantly, the sector has agreed that effective teaching and learning, is expected to resume on **Monday, 08 June 2020***".

Despite this late announcement, Laddsworth has had a very successful Induction and Orientation Day with the Grade 7's and it was encouraging to see that 75% of the pupils were present at school on Monday, 1 June 2020.

However, unfortunately this announcement meant that despite all our efforts to reopen Laddsworth, Grade 7 pupils will have to remain at home for a while longer.

We look forward, with great anticipation, to reopening the school on **Monday, 8 June 2020**.

### **Laddsworth 'Drive-Through' Collection**

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We will be having a 'Drive-through' collection of textbooks and workbooks for all grades on **Wednesday, 3 June 2020**. These books will be in a brown paper 'Take- Away' bag, with your child's name on, to ensure ease of movement.

The purpose of the 'Drive-Through' is to enable staff to distribute textbooks, workbooks, exercise books and First Term Reports etc.

The collection will take place as follows:

1. In an attempt to avoid congestion the collection will be staggered.
2. The slots have been divided alphabetically, according to learner's surnames, as indicated below.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Alphabetical - Learner's Surnames</b>
08h30 – 09h00	<b>A to E</b>
09h00 – 09h30	<b>F to K</b>
09h30 – 10h00	<b>L to N</b>
10h00 – 10h30	<b>O to S</b>
10h30 – 11h00	<b>T to Z</b>

The collection will take place on the 'New' Winstead Sports Field. Entry will be through the **Brindy Road** gate and exit through the **Winstead Road** gate. Tables will be set up beginning with Grade 1 at the **Brindy Road** end of the field and ending with Grade 7 at the **Winstead Road** end.

We ask that parents collect the packet from the appropriate grade table and move on as quickly as possible.

## Email Communication and Video links

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Please ensure that your child's teacher has your preferred email address.

We will increasingly rely on emails to add to our D6 communication platform.

We are in the process of extending and improving our online teaching capabilities. This will allow for video and audio messages to be sent to the pupils.

These video links will be emailed to you and will provide an exciting new dimension to our educational system at Laddsworth.

- A reminder to parents to prepare their children by encouraging them to wear their masks and wash their hands frequently.
- Explain to your child that when they return to school, it will be compulsory to wear face masks at all times.
- Speak to your children about why it is very important to stay safe when they return to school.

## COVID-19 School Safety Protocols and School Daily Routine

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The COVID-19 School Safety Protocols and School Daily Routine document has been uploaded on the D6 School Communicator under RESOURCES - 'From the Headmaster'. It is important to read through this document with your children. The purpose of this document is to provide all stakeholders of Laddsworth Primary School a clear guideline and understanding of safe operations.

This will be achieved through the prevention, early detection and Regulations and Protocols designed to control the spread of COVID-19.

Laddsworth aims to ensure the safety of all our staff, pupils, parents and visitors and to keep COVID-19 off of the Laddsworth Campus.

Kind regards

*G. Lambooy*

Mr G Lambooy

HEADMASTER

### Thoughts from the Headmaster

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“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place”

George Bernard Shaw

“Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't,  
and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.”

Robert Frost