



LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #22

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30 JUNE 2020

Orientation Day

I am really looking forward to all our Grade 1 to 6's returning to school on **Monday, 06 July**.

The Grades will start with a **Safety and Orientation Briefing**, where I will revise the rules and procedures of the COVID-19 protocols at Laddsworth.

(They will then proceed with normal schoolwork for the rest of that day.)

Orientation Days for Grades 1 to 6

| Grade | Date | School Times |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Grade 6 | Tuesday, 30 June | 07h30 to 14h05 |
| Grade 5 | Wednesday, 01 July | 07h30 to 14h05 |
| Grade 4 | Thursday, 02 July | 07h30 to 14h05 |
| Grade 3 | Friday, 03 July | 08h00 to 13h05 |
| 50% Grade 1 & 2 | Monday, 06 July | 08h00 to 12h40 |
| 50% Grade 1 & 2 | Tuesday, 07 July | 08h00 to 12h40 |

LADDSWORTH NEW COVID-19 DAILY ROUTINE

Laddsworth aims to ensure the safety of our staff, pupils, parents and visitors at all times and our goal is to keep the Laddsworth Campus free from COVID-19.

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED VIA THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE.

(The **ONLY** exception will be for Grade 3, 4 and 5 pupils who will be allowed to enter and exit the school via the **bottom pedestrian gate** at the start and end of each day).

SCHOOL TIMES – EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY, 6 JULY 2020

| Grade | Entrance to the School | Day | Starting Time | Finishing Time |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h30 | Monday to Thursday | 08h00 | 13h05 |
| | | Friday | 08h00 | 13h05 |
| 2 | Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h30 | Monday to Thursday | 08h00 | 13h05 |
| | | Friday | 08h00 | 13h05 |
| 3 | Bottom Pedestrian Gate from 07h30 | Monday to Thursday | 08h00 | 13h35 |
| | | Friday | 08h00 | 13h05 |
| 4 | Bottom Pedestrian Gate from 07h00 | Monday to Thursday | 07h30 | 14h05 |
| | | Friday | 07h30 | 12h40 |
| 5 | Bottom Pedestrian Gate from 07h00 | Monday to Thursday | 07h30 | 14h05 |
| | | Friday | 07h30 | 12h40 |
| 6 | Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h00 | Monday to Thursday | 07h30 | 14h05 |
| | | Friday | 07h30 | 12h40 |
| 7 | Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h00 | Monday to Thursday | 07h30 | 14h05 |
| | | Friday | 07h30 | 12h40 |

Thank you to our dedicated staff, parents and pupils for following the Health and Safety protocols of the school.

- To ensure adequate social distancing, Grade 1 and 2 will use an ***'Alternate Day'*** model where ½ the class will attend on one day and the other ½ the next. This is due to the large Junior Primary desks and the 'group-type layout' of our Grade 1 and 2 classrooms.
- Grade 3 to 6's will follow the same ***'Status Quo'*** model as the Grade 7's. All the children will be seated at single desks and spaced at least 1.5m apart. We have achieved this spacing by removing all additional furniture and equipment from all the classrooms.
- **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL.**
- **THERE IS NO AFTERCARE OR TUCKSHOP.** Unfortunately, lunches, PE kit or books etc. **may not** be dropped off during the school day.
- Staff will be on screening duty from 07h00 onwards, **please do not drop off pupils before this time.**
- **Only pupils and staff** are to enter the school via the selected Gate Entrances.
 - Main Gate: Grades 1, 2, 6 and 7
 - Bottom Swimming Pool Pedestrian Gate: Grade 3, 4 and 5.

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

Homework Week 12

The Homework Programme was uploaded onto the D6 School Communicator (under the Homework Tab) on **Sunday, 28 June** for this week.

The D6 Homework Programme will stop as from next week as the school will now be open again.

Attendance at School

Attendance at school is compulsory and I as Headmaster, am not allowed to grant permission for parents to keep their children at home.

According to **DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION NOTICE 343 OF 2020**

“A parent of a learner who does not return to, or attend, school after the phased return to school must apply, to the Head of Department, who, in terms of section 4 of the South African Schools Act, may exempt a learner entirely, partially or conditionally from compulsory school attendance.”

Based on co-morbidity risk, and the evidence provided by parents, this permission to stay at home, may or may not, be granted by Dr Mzama, HoD Education KZN.

The other option for parents who want to keep their children at home is to deregister from Laddsworth and registered with the Department of Education for Home Schooling. (as stated in the same notice quoted below)

“Should a parent wish to apply for a learner to receive education at the learner’s home (home education), he or she must comply with the legal requirements for the provision of home education, as contemplated in section 51 of the South African Schools Act.”

I would encourage parents to consider these options very carefully before acting.

Laddsworth has complied with all the necessary guidelines and protocols as instructed by the Education Department and is well-prepared to safely reopen the school after the Lockdown.

The staff and I look forward to having the children back at school. With the successful return of Grade 7’s for the last 3 weeks, we are more than ready to welcome the return of the other Grades on **Monday, 6 July 2020**.

Pupil Achievement

One of our Grade 7 pupils, Crystal Viljoen was offered a position with the newly established KZNMVBC (Kwa-Zulu Natal Midlands Youth Ballet Company).

Crystal is currently studying her Checchetti Intermediate syllabus with Mrs Julia Powell.

She received the Mignon Furman (Founder of the American Academy of Ballet) Award Scholarship to attend the programme in New York 2020 late last year, at the American Awards held at Epworth.

Due to the worldwide pandemic, Crystal cannot attend the American Academy of Ballet Summer Intensive in New York.

Laddsworth is extremely proud of Crystals achievements.

We are looking forward to having all pupils back at school again, albeit operating within the strict safety protocols that have been imposed by Government.

Stay safe!

Kind regards

G. Lambooy

Mr G Lambooy
HEADMASTER

Thought from the Headmaster

“If you wish to succeed in life,
make perseverance your bosom friend,
experience your wise counsellor,
caution your elder brother,
and hope your guardian genius.”

Joseph Addison