

# What's @LRS? Happening

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### ❖ RETURN OF GRADE 5 LEARNERS

Last Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> September, after spending months at home, we welcomed back our Grade 5 learners. We are pleased to announce that they are settling well into the new school routine.

### ❖ CURRICULUM MATTERS

- Since all Grades are back, work will no longer be uploaded onto google classroom. However, hard copies of work will be available to parents at their request.  
Parents may contact educators via WhatsApp (Grades R to 4), or on the educator's school email address (Grades 4-7)
- Assessment letters for Grades 4-7 with the programme of assessment for the term will go out to parents soon.
- Foundation Phase follow continuous assessment principles as stipulated by Department of Basic Education.

### ❖ WORK ETHIC

- Lots of teacher instruction time had been lost, during the shutdown. Now that learners are back at school, we urge that schoolwork be taken seriously, and learners work diligently. Educators are hard at work to make up time lost and parental support is crucial. For the Foundation Phase learners there are approximately 8 contact days per group until Term 3 marks are finalised.

### ❖ SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- The attendance rate has been quite high, and I wish to thank parents for the support and trust.
- Exemption of learner to attend school : Parents are requested to look at Circular 2 of 2020, which has been uploaded on the school's website, and to fill in the application forms (Annexure E1 & E2 pages 14 & 15) for the GDE and the school, if they wish to keep their child at home due to comorbidities of learners or parents. These pages have been attached to the newsletter for your convenience.

### ❖ LEARNER UNIFORM

- Grade 4 to 6 learners are wearing their PE uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and their LRS uniform (ANY LRS uniform) on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Grade 7 learners have been in civvies since July, due to the weather. However, since it is now much warmer they will be swapping over into LRS uniform, as of Monday, 14 September. Grade 7s will then wear their PE uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays, school uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays and their Grade 7 T-shirts on Fridays.
- Grade 1-3 learners wear their school uniform on Mondays and Tuesdays and their PE uniform on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### ❖ 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

- Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> September is a normal school day and NOI a school holiday. Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, is Heritage Day, and therefore a public holiday.  
Should anything change in this regard, parents will be informed accordingly.

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❖ **SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES**

- Parents please adhere to the arrival times for each grade. There are far too many parents dropping learners off late. The times below are for Monday to Thursday. Please be reminded that on a **Friday, period 1** starts at **7:40** for Grades 4-7.

Grade	Time	Gate
R	7:45 to 8:00	Protea Lane Gate
1	7:45 to 8:00	Leicester Road West gate
2	7:15 to 7:30	Leicester Road Main gate
3	7:30 to 7:45	Leicester Road East gate
4	7:30 to 7:45	Leicester Road Main gate (by front office)
5	7:15 to 7:30	Leicester Road East gate (by bottom of field)
6	7:15 to 7:30	Main gate Derby Road
7	7:30 to 7:45	Main gate Derby Road

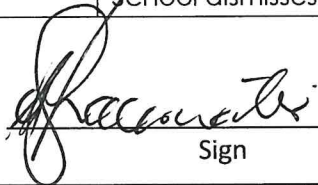
- On rainy days **ONLY**, learners must proceed straight to their classes where the screening will take place.

❖ **SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIMES**

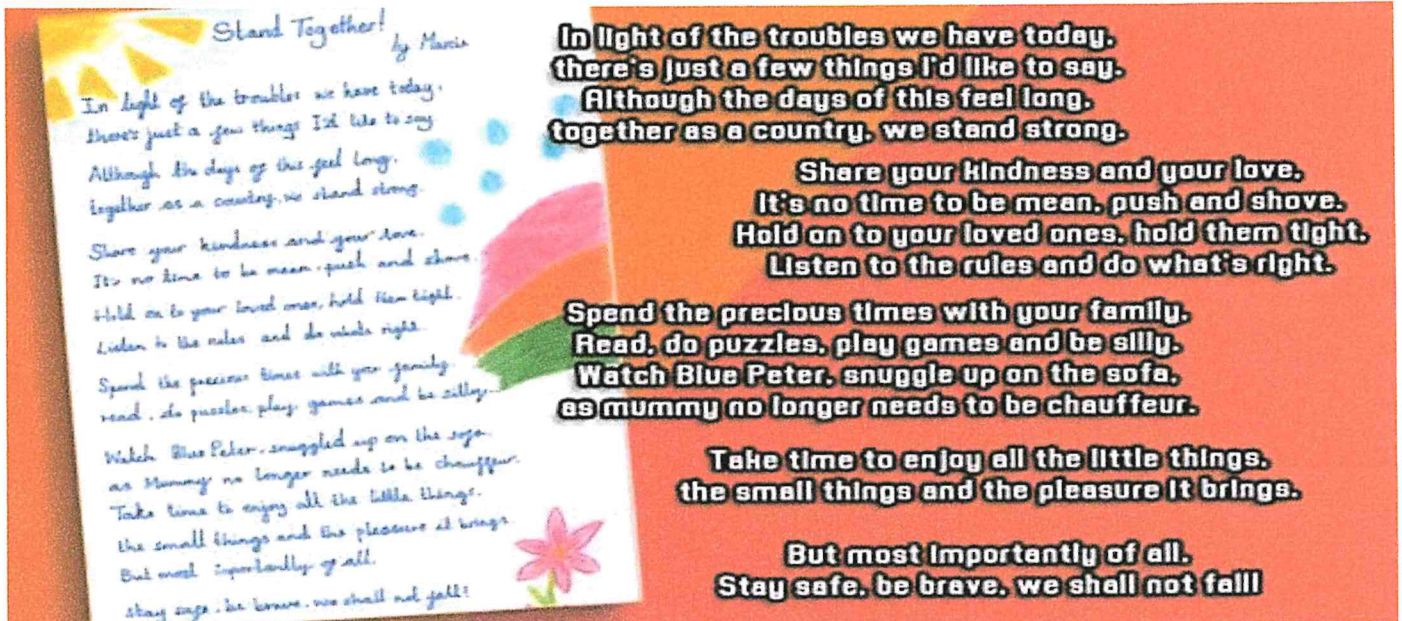
- Thank you to those parents who oblige in collecting their children on time, however, a few do not. Remember there is NO waiting area. If learners are not fetched timeously, they will be left on the pavement unattended.

Grade R	School dismisses at <b>12h30</b> on <b>Monday to Thursday</b>
Grade 1	School dismisses at <b>13h00</b> on <b>Monday to Thursday</b>
Grade 2	School dismisses at <b>13h30</b> on <b>Monday to Thursday</b>
Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7	School dismisses at <b>14h00</b> on <b>Monday to Thursday</b>
Grades 4 - 7	School dismisses at <b>12h35</b> on <b>Fridays</b>

Yours in Education,  
Mr Spaarwater  
School Principal

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sign

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date



*Stand Together!* by Maria

In light of the troubles we have today,  
there's just a few things I'd like to say.  
Although the days of this feel long,  
together as a country, we stand strong.

Share your kindness and your love.  
It's no time to be mean, push and shove.  
Hold on to your loved ones, hold them tight.  
Listen to the rules and do what's right.

Spend the precious times with your family,  
read, do puzzles, play games and be silly.  
Watch Blue Peter, snuggle up on the sofa,  
as mummy no longer needs to be chauffeur.

Take time to enjoy all the little things,  
the small things and the pleasure it brings.  
But most importantly of all,  
stay safe, be brave, we shall not fall!

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.....This poem was taken from the internet

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and surname), the parent, caregiver or a designated family member (*delete whichever is not applicable*) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of learner) who is in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of school), hereby apply to the Head of Department to exempt the learner from compulsory school attendance, in terms of section 4 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996), for the period of the national state of disaster.

I do so, and take full responsibility, to oversee the learning of the learner at home as indicated in the signed agreement (Annexure E2). The reasons for my application for exemption are as follows:

Reason	Further Details
Underlying health condition and/or comorbidity of the learner or a close family member	
General concern over the risk of transmission of COVID-19	

In respect of a learner contemplated in direction 6(1)(a): Evidence of medical condition of learner is attached/ not attached (*please select*)

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver/Designated family member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNEXURE E2

PARENT ACCEPTANCE FORM: TO ADHERE TO CONDITIONS FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

[Application in terms of direction 6(1)(a),6(1)(b) and 6(1)(c)]

*(To be completed by the parent/caregiver/designated family member)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and surname),  
the parent, caregiver or a designated family member *(delete whichever is not applicable)*  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of learner) who is in  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of school), hereby  
accept the following conditions for the exemption of the learner from compulsory school  
attendance for the duration of national state of disaster:

- (1) I accept and agree that I will take responsibility—
  - (a) to oversee the daily learning of the learner at home, including the daily work and assessments;
  - (b) to ensure that the learner is informed of the work that must be learned and the work that must be completed on a daily basis; and
  - (c) to ensure that all work and assignments are collected or accessed and returned to school, in accordance with the arrangements made with the school.
- (2) I accept and agree that, if the conditions in this Annexure are not met, the exemption from compulsory school attendance may be withdrawn.
- (3) I accept and understand that, if I am unable to accept these conditions and the associated responsibilities, then the learner should continue to attend school.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver/Designated family member\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_.