



What's Happening @ LRS?

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Contact with any person with Covid-19

Parents please note that if you or your child has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 please inform the school immediately on pa@lrschool.co.za or 011 615 7328/9.

Re-registration Forms

Re-registration forms have been emailed to parents and may be returned to admin@lrschool.co.za.

Parents may fetch hard copies of the re-registration forms from Derby Road gate if they wish to. The forms must be returned by **22 June 2020**.

GRADE 7 LEARNERS

We are very proud of our Grade 7s who have been at school. Certain measures have needed to be put in place to ensure the safety of all and their behaviour in following all protocols have been exemplary. We thank all learners as well as parents for their support. Grade 7s have been moved into the hall for Grade teaching. The hall has been clearly demarcated, to ensure physical distancing.

With Grade 7 learners, there is no platooning. Grade 7 learners must be at school daily, unless they have a comorbidity or are unwell. There are about 20 Grade 7 learners who have not arrived back at school.

Parents please note the following:

LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES:

There are 2 scenarios presented:

Scenario 1:

This will be in effect if you as a parent decide to keep your child at home and will not be sending him/her back to school for this year. You will have to deregister at LRS, apply for home schooling from the Department and request a transfer card from our office. If you would like to have your child back at school after this time, then you will have to complete the enrolment and admission process again. You are liable for school fees till the transfer card is requested.

Scenario 2:

There are 2 possibilities here:

1. If your child has a comorbidity and you cannot send them to school even though you would like to:

- Please get a doctor's certificate stating the comorbidity and that the child cannot attend school. Send this to school.
- Your child should still try to complete all work from home to the best of their ability.
- Work will be uploaded on the school website. Arrangements may be made for collection of hard copies.

2. If your child has a comorbidity and you still want to send them to school:

- You will need to get a doctor's certificate stating the comorbidity and the advice as to whether your child can/cannot attend school.
- You as the parent will have to complete an affidavit exonerating the school from any liability in regards to your child getting sick from COVID-19 or any other diseases or viruses.
- These documents must be sent to school.
- You will need to ensure, over and above the measures we have in place, that you as a parent has also provided your child with the necessities to keep them safe.
- You can then allow your child return to school.
- All other rules will still apply when at school.

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GRADE 6 RE-OPENING

As per the minister of basic education, Grade 6 learners will be returning to school on the 6 July 2020.

At Leicester Road School, we will be splitting the Grade 6s into 2 groups. The first half of each class will return in Week 1, and the second half will return in Week 2. Thereafter, they would continue to rotate.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
6A – Classlist numbers 1 -14	6A – Classlist numbers 15-29
6B – Classlist numbers 1 -15	6B – Classlist numbers 16-31
6C – Classlist numbers 1 -15	6C – Classlist numbers 16 -31

The same will apply when Grades 4 and 5s return in August. This is to ensure that there are limited learners at school and in class, at any given time.

Educators will ensure that in the week learners are at home, they have ample work to do. The timetable will be adjusted to exclude assemblies and PE.

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Foundation Phase

You have been working relentlessly over the past 11 weeks. It's time to take a well-deserved break. From Monday 22 June 2020, **no new work** will be added to the Leicester Road School Learning mat. No grade R – 3 home enrichment packs will be available for collection. However, the videos and worksheets currently on the website will still be accessible should you need them for revision.

The Foundation Phase teachers will continue to work, preparing the curriculum and classrooms in anticipation for our learners' return.

If you feel that you would like to continue with some Educational Enrichment, please feel free to use the link below. There are free workbooks to download.

<https://readingeggs.co.za/free-resources/>

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For Parents and Guardians: How to assist your children for the return to school.

Teachers and Learners are all very excited to be coming back to school. It is going to be a different experience for us all. Over the past few weeks we've had to teach our children that the outside world is dangerous, and staying at home is a must. Now we have to prepare them to face this outside world! So, please take time to PREPARE your children for the new experience of school life.

Start to prime your children emotionally by talking to them about their feelings.

Use emotion names such as sad, angry, worried – or emotion descriptions such as shakey, fuzzy etc. Use your own real life experiences as a starting point. For example, talk about a shopping experience and say, "I was so excited to go, but then when I got there I felt surprized and disappointed because it wasn't the same. I felt a bit fuzzy and I was happy to come home. But it was also fun to drive somewhere new and see the autumn leaves and that felt warm and nice"

Ask them what they're looking forward to, what they think might be different, and what they're expecting. Validate any fears and correct any misconceptions.

Start using language such as "when your return" rather than "if you return.

Use visual aids such as calendars to count down to school starting.

Allow your child to practise wearing their mask as they will be required to wear their mask for the whole day whilst at school.

Allow them to practise washing and sanitizing their hands often.

Discuss the importance of social distancing and how this will impact them when they return to school. They should not share **any** items, hug or come close to their friends or teachers.

Start talking around the fact that you will not be allowed to come into the school with them.

Remind them that these measures are in place to keep them safe.

Mostly, stay calm yourself. Raise and discuss your fears and concerns with your child's class teacher.

Closer to the return date, we will send a video for the children to watch. This video will explain to the children what to do when coming to the school. Take time to watch this with them and talk them through any concerns they may raise.

The scheduled date for the return of Foundation Phase learners is 6 July 2020. However, due to having to ensure social distancing, each class will be split into two groups. One group will attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays. The second group will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children will be given work to complete at home for the days they are not at school. Your child's class teacher will communicate with you via your class WhatsApp group as to which group and date your child will return.

Yours in Education,
Mr Spaarwater
School Principal

Sign

Date



ADMISSIONS 2021

GRADE R - Collection of forms from Monday, 22 June 2020.

Grade R Application forms may be collected from the school at Derby gate on Monday, 22 June 2020 BETWEEN 08H00 & 13H30 ONLY.

Completed documents may be returned to the School on Monday, 29 June 2020.

GRADE 1 – On-line registrations open Thursday, 25 June 2020 closing 25 July 2020.

All Grade 1 Applications need to be applied on-line via the GDE website - www.gdeadmissions.gov.za which will open on Thursday, 25 June 2020 at 08h00.

Forms may be collected from the school at Derby gate on Thursday, 25 June 2020 BETWEEN 08h00 & 13h00. Completed documents may be returned to the School on Monday, 29 June 2020.

GRADE 2-7 – Collection of forms from Monday, 22 June 2020.

Grade 2-7 Application forms may be collected from the school at Derby gate on Monday, 22 June 2020 BETWEEN 08H00 & 13H30 ONLY.

Completed documents may be returned to the School on Monday, 29 June 2020

Application forms WILL NOT be accepted and processed if the required certified documentation is not attached.

****LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL IS A FEE-PAYING SCHOOL.****

First day back to school today
 My tummy feels all funny
 Can't wait to see my friends again
 But something's wrong with mummy

First day back to school today
 No photo by the door
 Mummy said "No, not today."
 But why I'm not quite sure.

First day back to school today
 Can't wait to play with Sue
 I'll squish her with my bestest hug
 And share all my toys, it's true!

First day back to school today
 We lined up by the gate
 I spotted Sue, I tried to run
 But Mummy shouted, "Wait!"

First day back to school today
 I waved goodbye to Mummy
 A little tear rolled down her cheek
 The ache grew in my tummy

First day back to school today
 I'm no longer in Sue's class
 Miss explained, "We cannot mix!"
 As I peered in through the glass

First day back to school today
 Our play times were all strange
 Just my group, no extra friends
 Why did things have to change?

First day back to school today
 I tripped and grazed my knee
 Miss stayed back as she wiped me clean
 Why is she scared of me?

First day back to school today
 I learnt how not to share
 And how to stay away from friends
 To show them that I care

First day back to school today
 My teacher waved goodbye
 Mummy wrapped me in her arms
 As we both tried not to cry

The above poem was taken from Facebook

Your mind is
 a garden. Your thoughts
 are the seeds. You can
 grow flowers or you can
 grow weeds.
 -Osho

THE MOMENT YOU'RE READY TO
 QUIT IS USUALLY THE MOMENT
 RIGHT BEFORE THE
 MIRACLE HAPPENS!

DON'T GIVE UP.

