



What's Happening @LRS?

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you

I wish to firstly thank all members of staff for their continued support and hard work during this difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic. To all educators, thank you for continuously uploading educational resources for our learners as many of you were taken out of your comfort zone. A special thank you to Mr Lalla, our IT Specialist, who has been hard at work with the LRS website and all our other technical challenges.

Re-Opening of school

As you are aware, the Department of Basic Education has announced that schools will re-open for Grade 7 and 12 on the 1st of June 2020. We understand that this decision has probably impacted families a great deal especially in light of the increasing numbers of Covid -19 cases. A great deal of stress and frustration has been experienced by many.

I wish to assure you that as a school we have done much to meet the requirements for the physical re-opening of schools. We have procured personal protective equipment (PPE's) and have made many internal arrangements for social and physical distancing. Deep cleaning and sanitization of the school is scheduled for **Thursday, 28 May 2020**. Staff will arrive on **Friday, 29 May 2020**.

Parents have the choice to keep learners at home and continue with the work that teachers are uploading onto the school website, if there are concerns about allowing their children to report to school. In addition, learners with comorbidities must remain at home.

Since there has been on-going changes and inconsistency in the media, I have been reluctant in forwarding these communications to parents. However, it seems going forward we shall receive clearer guidelines.

The following will be put in place to ensure the safety of all individuals. There will be **ONLY ONE ENTRANCE AND EXIT, that is DERBY GATE**. Every person entering the school premises will be screened. Hands will be sanitized on entering the school premises and temperatures taken. If temperature is too high, **ENTRY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**. Entry will only be allowed to those individuals wearing masks. Learners who arrive without masks on day one, will be provided with masks at the gate.

School Times

Grade 7 learners may arrive from **7h30 only** and not earlier. They should report straight to the Grade 7 area, outside Rooms 23 to 20, where educators will direct them to their classrooms. There will be no more than 20 learners per classroom. Learners must be fetched promptly at **14h00 (Mon – Thurs) and at 12:35 (Fri)**.

Breaks

During breaks the field will be out of bounds and there will be special demarcated areas for the different classes. No games will be allowed as it will render the safe physical distance useless. Masks must be worn during breaks as well. Learners will be closely supervised by educators to ensure social distancing. No sharing of lunch will be allowed.

Bathrooms

A maximum number of three learners may use the bathroom at any given time. Children must wash their hands on entering and exiting the bathroom. No learner may drink water directly from a tap. Learners must fill their own bottles for this purpose. Bathrooms will be cleaned regularly.

Aftercare

There will be **NO AFTERCARE**.

Tuck-shop

The tuck-shop will **NOT BE** open.

Learners **MUST** bring a packed lunch from home daily.

Waiting Area

The Waiting area will be restricted to 30 minutes, between 14h00 and 14h30 only, but is strongly discouraged. Physical distancing must also be maintained in the waiting area.

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Visitors

Unfortunately, **NO** parent will be allowed at the school. Parents may communicate with the principal or staff telephonically or via email. If a parent wishes to visit the school, they will need to get permission from the district office. Parents **WILL NOT** be allowed to drop off any items for learners during the school day.

Transport

Parents making use of transport services must ensure that all safety protocols and standards are followed.

Uniform

We will be more flexible with the wearing of the LRS uniform during this time. Learners will be allowed to mix and match the LRS uniform. The important thing to remember is that all items of clothing worn each day must be clean.

Protocols when a person becomes symptomatic

On presenting with any Covid-19 related symptoms learners will be taken to an onsite isolation room. Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately to collect their child and take them for the necessary testing. Learners and their siblings will only be allowed to return to school once a negative Covid-19 test result is produced.

Extra-Murals

Extra Murals **WILL NOT** take place. Learners are expected to leave the school promptly at the end of the school day. ONLINE extra-mural activities is being looked into and will be communicated accordingly.

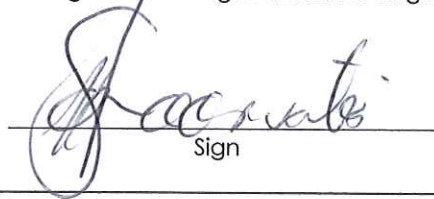
Admissions 2021

Dates for **2021** admissions will be communicated once confirmed from the GDE.

Conclusion

We are still awaiting the revised school calendar from the Department of Basic Education. This together with the phased-in dates for other grades will be made available to parents once it has been confirmed. Our educators will continue to use the LRS website to upload teaching and learning material for all grades.

Yours in Education,
Mr Spaarwater
School Principal



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Date

MESSAGE FROM THE SGB

It's no secret that the past few months have been difficult for everybody. The Corona Virus, Covid -19 and subsequent lockdown have had a fundamental impact on the way we live, work and educate.

The swiftness of the decision made by our Government at the beginning of the lockdown period left many organizations scrambling to ensure they were ready for it. For some, it was expected to be a short break and a return to normal, little did we know or understand that it would be extended and that our way of life would change so drastically.

Having just employed a permanent staff member to look after our IT infrastructure, our school was a little on the back foot when it came to implementing online teaching procedures. However, congratulations must be given to those who took up this new challenge, from the educators to the admin staff who mastered zoom meetings and the learners who were suddenly working from their phones, or their parents' PCs.

In terms of returning to school, the SGB is working with the school Management Team to ensure that the school and staff are ready for the return of our children.

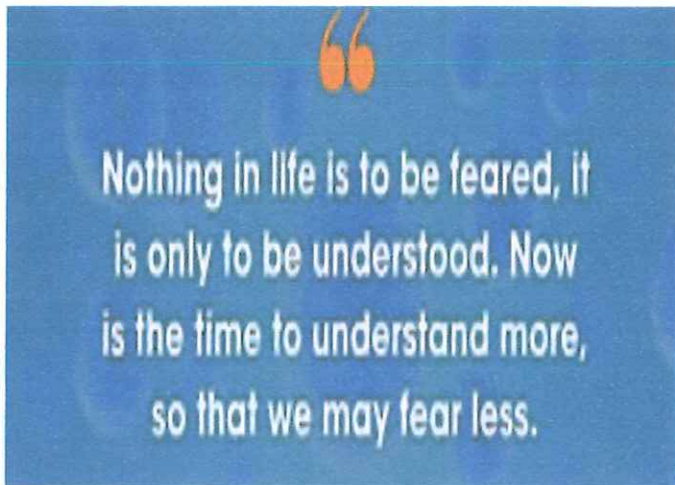
If you have any questions, or would like more information on what is happening, please feel free to contact Mr Spaarwater on principal@lrschool.co.za or cell **079 520 2951**.

Kind regards
The Leicester Road School Governing Body

FINANCE

Thank you to those parents that have managed to pay their fees. LRS is a fee-paying school and in terms of Section 40 of the South African Schools Act, parents are obliged to pay school fees. If you have suffered a job loss or other substantial loss of income due to the Covid-19 pandemic and are unable to pay school fees, we encourage you to notify us as soon as possible on email address debtors@lrschool.co.za
All school fee payments to be done via EFT.

Thank you
The Finance Team



“We have a chance to do something extraordinary. As we head out of this pandemic we can change the world. Create a world of love. A world where we are kind to each other. A world where we are kind no matter what class, race, sexual orientation, what religion or lack of or what job we have. A world we don't judge those at the food bank because that may be us if things were just slightly different. Let love and kindness be our roadmap.” – **Johnny Corn**

