

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME BACK to another school year at Leicester Road School. It is always a joy to see so many happy faces filling up the grounds as the school commences. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new learners and parents. We trust you will have an enjoyable stay with us. With our primary focus being that of academics, I would like to remind parents, of the vital role you play in supporting your children at school AND at home. Assist and encourage your children and teach them positive values and manners.

Staff Matters

A very warm welcome to our new members of staff. We are so glad to have you as part of the LRS team and wish you a long and happy stay with us! Mrs Howes has been employed to assist in the office. Mrs Hanslo is our new Grade 7 teacher. Mrs Mitchley is in place of Mrs Christodoulides who is on extended maternity leave. Miss Marira and Miss Whitehead are the new Grade 3 teachers. Mrs Wright will be teaching Grade R. Miss Pillay & Miss Liebenberg are our new learnerships.

Stationery and Clothing Labels

Please ensure that each learner has all items of stationery required. Each item of clothing and stationery must be labelled to minimise the high volumes of lost property. Lost items of clothing not claimed after 7 days will be moved to the 2nd hand shop.

Extra Murals

There will be no Extra Murals taking place due to the pandemic, until further notice.

Day One Pack

Your child(ren) will be given a very colourful pack of information and reply slips. We have tried to condense these to a minimum, but there is a bit of repetitive work to be done on your side. Each of these forms go to a different department and it is therefore imperative that each form is filled out correctly and in its entirety. ALL reply slips need to be sent back to the class teacher by Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

D6 Communicator

Our primary method of communication is the D6 Communicator. We recommend that EVERY parent downloads this app as certain vital information is sent through this platform. Please visit our website to find instructions for the download on the NEWS AND INFO page. You can use the link on the top banner of our webpage, www.lrschool.co.za

School Photographs

Official school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 17 February 2021 for Group 1 and Thursday, 18 February 2021 for Group 2. It is vital that learners are dressed in their full summer uniform. Learners are to have the correct hairstyle and look presentable. No make-up is allowed.

Class Allocation

Grade 4 – 7 Class-lists have been uploaded on the LRS website as well as the D6 Communicator. Grade R – 3 learners have been allocated to their classes and parents have been contacted via WhatsApp. If you haven't been contacted as yet, please contact the school urgently.

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LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL FEES 2021

Please note that Leicester Road School is a **CASH FREE ZONE.**

GRADE R FEES – **R24 500.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2021)

GRADE 1-7 – **R20 300.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2021)

Workbooks for Gr R – **R200.00** (Leicester Road Early Learning Centre bank account)

Workbooks for Gr 1-7 – **R220.00**

Diaries for Gr 4-7 – **R45.00 each**

Options on payment methods

- EFT/Deposit directly into the Schools bank account
- Debit/Credit card @ LRS or via LRS website
- Debit order instruction (mandate to be completed annually)

Please ensure that the correct references are used on all payments made

- Reference for school fees: School fee account number OR Childs Surname, name & Grade (e.g. 3ABCD001)
- Reference for items: Child's surname, Grade & Item (e.g. Romeo, J Gr3 Workbooks)
- Kindly ensure that your reference number on payments is correct as to avoid delays/errors in account allocations – if you are not sure what to use as a reference, please email debtors@lrschool.co.za / finance@lrschool.co.za

Your co-operation is appreciated

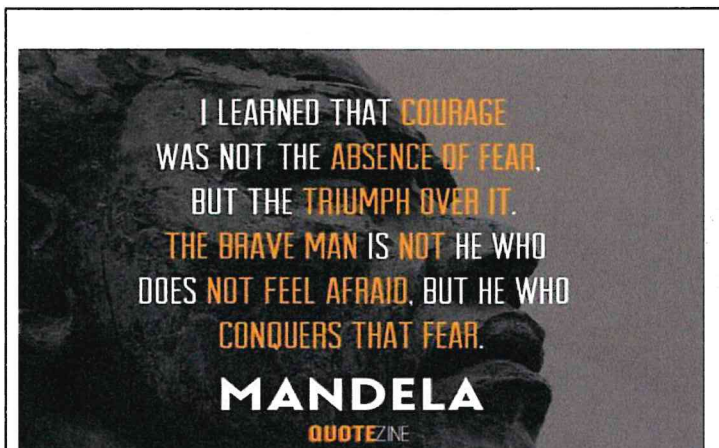
Yours in Education,
Mr Spaarwater
School Principal



Sign



Date



HOW TO STAY motivated

- take it one day at a time
- surround yourself with positivity
- create a dream board
- ask yourself what you want, and make realistic goals accordingly
- reward yourself
- believe in yourself
- acknowledge your attributes
- recognize your progress
- visualize accomplishing your goals
- celebrate every pound lost
- be kind to yourself
- focus on how you feel, not the scale
- don't compare yourself to others

1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES R - 3 – (15 February 2021 – Group 1), (16 February 2021 – Group 2)

❖ **Before Returning**

Purchase hand sanitizer and wet-wipes for your child's personal use in class.

Grade 1, 2 and 3s, purchase a cheap set of earphones for your child's personal use in the computer room.

Purchase stationery as indicated on the Grade stationery list and send on day one. Items such as paper, tissues, etc are bulky or heavy; these may be sent on subsequent days. Parents **will not** be permitted onto the school grounds to assist with the carrying of items.

**Download a copy of the "Covid 19 Checklist" from the Leicester Road Website and complete it for each child prior to leaving home. Your child will receive copies for subsequent days. A Covid-19 Checklist needs to be completed every time the learner attends school.*

❖ **Uniform**

For week one only

Gr R, 1 and 2B learners will wear their school uniform on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They will wear their PE uniform on Tuesday and Thursday.

Grade 2A, 2C and 3s will await communication regarding their uniform from their class teacher via the class WhatsApp group.

Learners must arrive at school **wearing a mask**. Masks provided by the DBE for learners will be kept by the class teacher and made available if needed.

❖ **Dropping off of Learners:**

To prevent congestion:

Please complete the Covid-19 checklist at home (excluding the temperature) and send the form with your child.

Please drop your child/children and leave. There will be Educators on duty to assist your child.

Grade	Time	Gate
R	7:30 to 8:00	Protea Lane Gate
1	7:30 to 8:00	Leicester Road West gate
2	7:15 to 7:45	Leicester Road Main gate
3	7:15 to 7:45	Leicester Road East gate

On day one, all Grade R and 1 learners MUST enter at their allocated gate.

From day 2, they may enter **with** their older siblings at the older sibling's gate.

Alternatively, the older sibling may enter **with** their younger sibling at the younger sibling's gate.

If one of the siblings is not at school on that day, learners then enter at their own grade's gate.

❖ **On Arrival at the Gate**

Children in Grade R – 3 will be sanitized and have their temperatures taken at the respective gates. They will hand in their completed "Covid -19 checklist" to the controller who will record the learner's temperature.

The learner will proceed to their classroom where their teacher will be waiting for them.

❖ **Breaks**

Children should bring a packed lunch as the tuckshop is closed.

Children should bring water in a bottle as communal cups and drinking directly from a tap will be prohibited.

Children who wish to celebrate their birthdays with peers may bring treats in individually packaged plastic packets.

Children will sit in demarcated socially distanced spots.

Children will be given a five minute exercise session in class, at least every hour.

❖ **Collection of Learners**

Learners will proceed to the gates at the times mentioned below.

Grade	Time	Class	Gate
R	13:00 to 13:15 (unless waiting for older sibling)	RA	Protea Lane gate
		RB	
		RC	
1	13:00 to 13:15 (unless waiting for older sibling)	1A	Leicester Road <u>West</u> gate
		1B	Leicester Road <u>Main</u> gate
		1C	Leicester Road <u>East</u> gate
2	13:30 to 13:45 (unless waiting for older sibling)	2A	Leicester Road <u>West</u> gate
		2B	Leicester Road <u>Main</u> gate
		2C	Leicester Road <u>East</u> gate
3	14:00 to 14:15	3A	Leicester Road <u>West</u> gate
		3B	Leicester Road <u>Main</u> gate
		3C	Leicester Road <u>East</u> gate

- After 15 minutes at the gate, learners not collected will proceed back to their classrooms.
- Parents arriving after this collection time, will phone/message the class teacher requesting that the learner be sent to the gate.
- Educators **will not be on duty** at the gate after their classes' allocated time.

❖ **Communication**

Should you have any concerns, please raise and discuss them with your child's teacher.

At this stage, parents are unable to physically access Leicester Road School. Should you wish to have a discussion with the class teacher, please do this via WhatsApp, or Zoom at a mutually convenient time.

Please respect your child's teachers' personal time. Avoid sending messages/requests before 7:00 and after 17:00.

❖ **Zoom information morning**

Your child's class teacher would love to meet you to explain procedures and answer questions via zoom on Saturday 20 February 2021.

For the sake of safety, the meeting code will be sent to you via the class WhatsApp.

The times for the meetings will be as follows:

Grade R	08:00
Grade 1	09:00
Grade 2	10:00
Grade 3	11:00

❖ **Safety for all is our concern**

All staff at Leicester Road have your child's best interests at heart. We have carefully considered all the procedures we are implementing, but are fully aware that we may have overlooked some procedures. We welcome any suggestions for improvement, as long as the suggestions comply with DBE regulations.

Yours in Education

Mrs Stoffberg (HOD Foundation Phase)

1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4 - 7 – (15 February 2021 – Group 1), (16 February 2021 – Group 2)

Intersen Phase

We will continue following the Alternating Days per week Plan for **Grades 4 – 7**.

On Fridays, Group 1 and 2 will alternate. Please note **Grade 7** learners have also been **split into 2 groups**.

Week 1 – Group 1 on Monday and Wednesday.

Week 1 – Group 2 on Tuesday and Thursday.

Week 1 – Group 1 on Friday.

Please take note of the following starting times:

	Arrival Times	Gate
Grade 4	7h30 to 7h45	Leicester Road Main Gate – proceed to their 2020 classrooms
Grade 5	7h15 to 7h30	Leicester Road east Gate (by bottom of field) – proceed to the Quad.
Grade 6	7h15 to 7h30	Derby Road Main Gate – proceed to the stands on the field.
Grade 7	7h30 to 7h45	Derby Road Main Gate – proceed to the Rose Garden.

Please bring along the Screening Tool that was handed out last year. It is also on the LRS website. Parents are requested to please ensure that the screening tool form is filled in at home. Learners temperatures will be taken at school and filled in. On Monday and Tuesday learners will be given additional forms for the month.

New Learners to LRS

Grade 4 -7 learners will be escorted from Leicester Road Gate to their classrooms.

Please take note of the following collection times:

Learners will be collected from the gate at which they entered in the morning.

Grade 4 -7 learners will dismiss at **14h00** on Mondays to Thursdays and **12h35** on Fridays.

Learners must please be fetched promptly at the end of the day. There will be NO educators on duty from 14h15 (Mondays to Thursdays) and 12h50 on Fridays.

Zoom Information Meeting

Grades 4- 7
Date: Saturday, 20 February 2021
Time: 9h00

Yours in Education
Mrs Reddy (HOD Intersen Phase)