



HARTLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Quantum Leap for Education & Training Excellence !

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HARTLEY INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

When a man says I cannot, he has made a suggestion to himself. He has weakened his power of accomplishing that which otherwise would have been accomplished.

Respected Parents & Guardians

COVID NEWS

The announcement by our President regarding Lockdown 1 seems to suggest that we are over the worst of the pandemic. However; there is still concern that a second wave might hit us like it has happened in other countries. We should therefore not be complacent and continue to observe all the COVID-19 protocols.

We must firstly thank the Almighty; our parents and our dedicated staff for their efforts in keeping our learners protected from possible infection. At Hartley all the following existing protocols will apply.

- ✓ Learners will be screened & sanitized.
- ✓ Masks are compulsory.
- ✓ Social Distancing in the classrooms and during the interval break.
- ✓ Alternate Day Schooling continues.
- ✓ Existing arrival and dismissal times still apply.
- ✓ Parents can make payments by the Slam Gates.
- ✓ Individual Parent / Teacher Consultations via appointment at the Hartley Conference Centre or a Telephonic Consult.
JP : 1.15 pm to 2.00 pm – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
SP: 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

THE LATEST 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM	DURATION	NUMBER OF WEEKS
1	15 January - 18 March	10
2	01 June - 24 July	07
3	24 August - 23 October	09
4	02 November - 15 December	07
	TOTAL	33

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Due to the latest amended Calendar; a revised calendar will be issued this Tuesday
2. This Thursday; 24th September is a Public Holiday (Heritage Day). School will be closed and open on Friday (25th September.) Please follow the revised Alternate Day Calendar. Group A will come to school on Friday the 25th of September and Group B will come on Monday; the 28th of September 2020.
3. It's important to read all the newsletters and visit the website to keep abreast of the latest news. Parent What's app groups sometimes present the incorrect information and cause more anxiety and stress. Contact the school when in doubt and leave gossiping and speculation out. Our apologies if we have offended you. Our school line (031)2073498 is currently not working. The other lines are available.

ASSESSMENTS: CLASS BASED AND HOME BASED

The Assessment Plan as well as the Aspects to be tested was given to all Class Based Learners. The latter for the Home Based Learners was posted on our website. It is our parent's responsibility to keep themselves updated by reading the newsletters as well as the information on the website.

We are glad that almost 90 % of learners are reporting to school for class based lessons. We encourage the rest of our parents to take courage and send their children. Nothing can replace face to face teaching in a classroom situation. When interacting with our home based learners who came to school to write their assessments as well as those who were home based but decided to attend classes; our educators realized that a large percentage of learners did not engage with the online work on our website and our educators had to consolidate the previous work.

COMING REGULARLY TO SCHOOL

With almost five months of lost teaching time; it is imperative that our learners attend school regularly so that they may benefit optimally from classroom lessons. Parents must ensure that they send their children to school until the last day of the term.

PLEASE NOTE

1. Whilst we reinforce good behaviour and manners to our children; we are appalled by the behaviour of some of our parents on the driveway. Children are very observant and will definitely imitate their parents. We will not tolerate bad behaviour and vulgarity and the SGB and Management will take such parents to task. Remember:

It's not what you know, it's what you show.

2. Parents are requested to refrain from removing the tyres and parking on the sports field.
3. We are in the process of finalizing admissions for grade R for 2021 and successful applicants will shortly be notified.
4. Our Official Uniform Supplier is Gems Schoolwear. They have introduced online shopping and delivery of uniforms. You can visit their website at www.gemschoolwear.com
5. Like our Facebook Page @HARTLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL FEES

We therefore appeal once again to our parents to urgently make payments towards the school fees owing. As mentioned in our last newsletter; 2.5 million is still being owed to the school. The fees can be paid as follows: Via EFT; ATM or Bank Deposit. For Card or Cash payments please press the buzzer at the Slam Gates and you will be assisted. Please pay. It's the right thing to do.

We have also noticed that some parents whose fees are in arrears have changed their contact details or are not answering their phones. Please contact the Finance Officer to make arrangements to pay. As a last resort; the Finance Committee will implement the resolution taken at last year's budget meeting and hand over defaulting parents to our attorneys. All legal fees will be for the parent's account.

We commend those parents who despite economic challenges, have paid and continue to pay their school fees according to the fee payment plan issued at the beginning of the year. A Big Thank You for honouring your commitment.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

September	24	Heritage Day (Public Holiday) School Closed
	25	Friday Normal School
October	01	Grade R Outreach Programme. Feed the Babies Fund Presentation
	20	Budget Meeting, Notice to be issued
November	10	Grade R Parent Orientation, 11.am – 12 Midday
	11	Grade R Parent Orientation, 11.am – 12 Midday

