



# HARTLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Respected Parents & Guardians

We pray to the ALMIGHTY that HE keeps us well and healthy and may HE grant full recovery to those who have taken ill and may HE through HIS infinite mercy grant our deceased the highest abodes in the Hereafter. Ameen

## **THE PHASED IN RETURN OF LEARNERS: THE HARTLEY DEVIATION**

Our school after consulting with the staff & SGB; have applied for a deviation in respect of the phasing in of grades. Please refer to the calendar that was issued in the drive-thru. You may also access it on the website. Grades R to 6 learners will be phased in as follows:

GRADES	DAY	RETURN DATE
Grade 1 & 6	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Grade 2 & 3	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Grade 4 & 5	Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020
Grade R	Tuesday	01 <sup>st</sup> September 2020

**For Example:** Grade 1 & 6 – Monday, 24 August 2020 (Group B).

Grade 1 & 6 – Tuesday, 25 August 2020 (Group A).

**Please consult the Calendar given at the drive thru for more details as well as our website.**

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	11
	TOTAL	34

## **OUR ALTERNATE DAY MODEL FOR SCHOOLING**

As communicated in our previous correspondence; we have adopted the alternate day model for our school. Every class has been divided into two groups: GROUP A and GROUP B. A Circular had been given to parents at our Drive Thru in July which stated clearly in which group your child or children belong and a Calendar which indicated the days on which they should attend school. This information is also available on our website. Our parents are advised to adhere strictly to the groups and calendar so that we may be able to adhere to social distancing in our classrooms.

## **MORNING ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL & SCREENING**

- **Grades R 1 2 3 :**

All Grade R 1 2 3 parents and learners will enter through Hopelands Road and drop off their children and other siblings (Grade 4 5 6 7) at the Boom Gate.

- **Grades 4 5 6 7 :**

All Grade 4 5 6 7 parents and learners will enter through Hopelands Road and leave their children on the Top Sports Field to be screened at the Pavilion Assembly area.

- All learners must wear a mask and will be screened.
- All learners who arrive before 7:00am must be seated by Astro 3 Pavilion Area as there will be no teachers on duty, **Except the Security Guard.**
- There will be no morning entry through Hartley Road. Learners and parents must use Hopelands Road Entrance only.

#### **AFTERNOON DISMISSAL:**

- Learner Dismissal will be staggered Grade wise as per the times below.
- All learners will be escorted to the Pavilion Assembly Area by their teachers and Safety Marshalls.
- They will be seated apart from each other on the Assembly Area.
- All parents and Lift Clubs will enter through Hopelands Road and proceed to the Main Sports Field.
- When the child recognizes his or her vehicle; he or she will proceed guided by the Safety Marshalls and Teachers on duty.
- Exit will be through Hartley Road Gate only.
- Vehicle Entry through Hartley Gate is strictly forbidden.

#### **FINAL SCHOOL TIMES FOR LEARNERS**

<b>GRADES</b>	<b>LEARNERS REPORT TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>MONDAY TO THURSDAY DISMISSAL</b>	<b>FRIDAY DISMISSAL</b>
R 1 2	7.00 am to 7.40 am	12. 45 pm	11.00 am
3	7.00 am to 7.40 am	12. 45 pm	11.15 am
4 5 6 7	7.00 am to 7.40 am	13. 15 pm	11.30 am

#### **NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CIRCULAR 02 OF 2020**

With regard to assessment, the above circular highlighted the following key aspects:

##### **The Foundation Phase (R 1 2 & 3)**

- The School Based Assessment (SBA) constitutes a 100% weighting.
- The marks at the end of the year will comprise of all continuous assessments done in term 1; 3 and term 4.

##### **The Intermediate and Senior Phase (4 5 6 & 7)**

- The mid-year examination was cancelled in all grades to allow for more teaching time.
- There were no formal assessments for term 2.
- The marks at the end of the year will comprise of:
  - Assessments done in term 1 and term 3 which will contribute 80 % of the final mark.
  - A School Based Test replaces the end of the year examination in term 4 and will contribute 20 % towards the final mark.

#### **SUPPORTING LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES AND OTHER HOME BASED LEARNERS**

There is no replacement for the traditional face to face teaching and this is what should happen ideally. However due to the current pandemic; our school is committed to providing classroom instruction as well as supporting our learners at home. There will be no hard copies distributed from school. Learning Material and worksheets will henceforth be sent to parents via two platforms only.

1. Our school website. Log on to [www.hartleyprimary.co.za](http://www.hartleyprimary.co.za)
2. [Emailed direct to your inbox.](#)
3. [The parents who do not have a printer or access to internet are advised to call the school so that alternate arrangements can be made.](#)
4. Furthermore, these worksheets and learning material for all subjects will be posted on the website a week in advance on a Friday so that parents can download and print during the weekend. Home based learners can complete the activities during the course of the week.
5. For home based learners; the school will communicate to parents in advance regarding the dates and times of the formal assessments / school based tests. These will be written during school hours in a separate venue following the COVID protocols. The days are:

GRADES	DAY OF THE ASSESSMENT	TIMES ( SUBJECT TO CHANGE )
Grades R & 1	Monday	8.30 am to 10. 30 am
Grades 2 & 3	Tuesday	8.30 am to 10. 30 am
Grades 4 & 5	Wednesday	8.30 am to 11. 00 am
Grades 6 & 7	Thursday	8.30 am to 11. 00 am

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The dates for Admissions for siblings and non-siblings (R to 7) has been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.
- Grade R applicants will be notified of the outcome by 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- Grade 1 to 7 applicants will be notified at the end of the year when space becomes available. There is currently no space from grade 1 to grade 7.
- Applications for exemption from school attendance have been handed to the Head of Department for approval.

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

Whilst the SGB understands that we are experiencing challenging economic times; the school has still to function and maintain its structure and continue to function. The school financial obligations must still be met. SGB employed educators; Cleaning Personnel; Utilities; Repairs and Maintenance; Security and Educational Support to Learners must continue provided parents pay their fees. We are currently owed 2.5 million in fees and if the present situation permeates; then education delivery will be proportionate to the fees received.

We thank those parents who have continued to pay their fees but there are others who have not responded. The Finance Committee has appointed Personnel who will be calling parents who have arrears from 2019 and to those who have not paid any fees for this year. Parents experiencing difficulty with the payment of fees must complete a Fee Concession Form which is obtainable from Mr. Ahmed Ismail; our Finance Officer. Please call him to make arrangements for pick up from school. The SGB will interview parents who apply to determine eligibility for a concession.

Parents may pay their fees in the following three ways: 1. Via EFT 2. ATM or Bank Deposit 3. Card payment at the school. For Card payments please press the buzzer at the Slam Gates and you will be assisted. Shukran.

**M.R. BALLIM**

*ACTING PRINCIPAL*

**A.A. DESAI**

*SGB CHAIRPERSON*