



Dear Parents and Pupils,

We had a most productive and enjoyable week.

Half of our Grade 12 class made delicious salads which they shared with the staff who were very happy to be the tasters. Well done Grade 12 your salads were scrumptious!

FAREWELL MRS LASKEY

It is with sadness that the school says a final farewell to Mrs Laskey. Mrs Laskey has been our School Secretary from July, 2016. Over the past years, Mrs Laskey has shown her passion and constant support to not only the staff of Wendon but to our children as well.

Her guidance and teachings throughout the years in the weekly prayer group, will be missed. Here she has shown her true beauty.

Mrs Laskey leaves Wendon on the 28th of February. Enjoy your retirement and let the years ahead be filled with enjoyment.

Thank you for your warm sunrays of blessing.

BREAK UP DAY - MULTISPORT DAY & ICE CREAM CONES - Friday 18th March

We are looking forward to our multiple sport activities here on the school property. All our pupils will participate and enjoy team spirit and we will end off with a lovely Ice Cream Cone. School will close at 11h30



HEALTH AND HYGIENE REGULATIONS

We have adjusted a number of our Health and Hygiene Regulations to comply with the new levels. Please see our updated Covid Protocols below.

Calendar of Events

March

Mon 7 th - Wed 9 th	PS & HS Parent Interview Week	Info to follow
Wed 16 th & Thurs 17 th	Grade 12 Leadership Camp	Letters sent home
Friday 18 th	Multisport Day & Ice Cream Cones End of Term 1	School Closes at 11h30

Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to the calendar

Warm regards,

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

"A good man's words are a fountain of life,
but a wicked man's words hide a violent
nature."
Proverbs 10:11

HEALTH AND HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Transport, Private or Public Transport

NB Children to stay at home should they complain of feeling sick.

1. Should your child not feel well, parents need to make arrangements with a relative etc. to collect your child if they use public transport. **No sick child will be kept at school.**
2. **Should a child start to feel unwell during the day, he/she will be reassured and made comfortable away from other children or staff. The parent will be phoned immediately to collect their child.**

Before entering Wendon Academy: - Masks or Buffs are compulsory

NO PUPIL WILL BE ALLOWED ONTO THE SCHOOL PROPERTY IF THEY PRESENT WITH FLU SYMPTOMS, COUGHING, CONTINUAL SINUSITIS OR STOMACH AILMENTS

1. All pupils are to arrive at school in school uniform for the season (Summer or Winter)
2. Shoes are to be cleaned before coming to school each day.
3. Girls hair styles are to be neat and tidy.
4. Boys hair styles are to be kept short as per the school rules.
5. **Each pupil must arrive at school with a hand sanitizer which will be kept on their desks in class. Replacement bottles will be required on request by their grade teacher.**

Entering the school premises: - Masks or Buffs are to be worn at all times

1. **COMPULSORY - All pupils must wear a clean face mask which is to be worn over the nose and mouth each day.**
2. Each pupil will be sanitized at the gate on arrival at school by a staff member.
3. Taking temperatures has been stopped at the gate each morning. Should the Covid situation change at any time and we feel the temperatures need to resume, parents will be informed.
4. Social distancing will continue to be enforced. **No hugging, hand shaking elbow bumping or other contact is allowed.**
5. Before the school day starts, chairs already sanitized will be spaced 1.2 metres apart for your child to sit on before school starts. The chairs will have names on them. Their school bags will be placed under their own chair. No pupil will be allowed to mingle or sit on another chair. Should it rain, the children will go into their own classrooms and not congregate in the hall.
6. A teacher will be on duty.

Going into the classroom for the start of the day: - Masks, Buffs are compulsory

1. The school will be sanitized daily before the pupils enter the school. Throughout the day, door handles, toilets and surfaces will be cleaned with disinfectant.
2. Each Grade is to enter their own classroom and not walk through the school building. Hands will be sprayed by the teacher on entering.
3. Cleaning of hands will be checked and encouraged continuously.
4. The desks and chairs in the classrooms will be cleaned every day with sanitizer.
5. The desks will be 1 metre apart accommodating social distancing.
6. All school bags will be kept under the pupil's chair or arranged by the class teacher.
7. Each pupil will have their own sanitizer on their desk. After each lesson they will be told to sanitize before working in a new book.
8. The Teacher will have a sanitizer on his/her desk.
9. **No stationery may be exchanged between pupils and their books must be kept in their own desks at all times.**
10. The teacher will adhere to strict protocols when marking books and helping the pupils.
11. In the High School for subject teaching, the Teachers will move from classroom to classroom and not the pupils. Standing in the passages will not guarantee social distancing. Should they move to Art, Computer and Woodwork lessons, they will walk outside the school building allowing for social distancing.

Visiting the toilets: - Masks or Buffs compulsory

1. Our pupils will be given set rules on using the toilets. **ONLY 1 or 2 pupils may use the toilets at any**

given time. Correct washing of hands will be imperative. Hands will be sanitized once returning from the toilet by the teacher in the classroom.

- 2. The ablution facilities will be cleaned continuously during the day.**

Breaks: - Hands need to be washed and sanitized before going out to lunch

1. The pupils will sit on the same chair as before school and enjoy their break time respecting social distancing during this time. Masks will be worn after eating.
2. **No lunches may be shared.**
3. **A Teacher will be on duty at all times.**
4. On returning to the classroom, hands will be sanitized.

Computers, Cooking, Art and Woodwork: - Masks or Buffs compulsory

1. Strict protocols will be adhered to when pupils go to these classrooms.
2. All areas will be cleaned and sanitized. Tools to be used in woodwork will be sanitized before use.
3. All kitchen utensils etc. will be washed before use and after cooking in an antibacterial soap.

Sport

1. Each class teacher will take their children to the bottom field to have some form of exercise with social distancing a priority. Masks or buffs will be worn.
2. Sport activities have commenced. Strict Covid protocols will be adhered to at all times. Should areas of concern arise, the sports day will be readdressed.

Calendar of events

Events will be revised as per the present levels, however, more activities have been introduced back into our calendar of events. At all times strict COVID protocols will be adhered to if events are to take place. Correspondence on such an event will be sent out to the parents. Refer to the 'Eagle's Nest' for the latest activities.

End of the school day: - Hands will be sanitized on leaving the classroom

1. The pupils will respect social distancing when walking down to the gate and masks or buffs are to be worn.
2. No pushing and running to the car will be allowed.
3. Teachers will be on duty to maintain good and safe behaviour.

It is imperative that collectively we work together in securing a good, productive and enjoyable year ahead for all our Wendon families and Staff.

Strict Covid protocols will continue each day at school as listed above. This needs to be carried through into your homes as well as on the social platform your children engage in after school and during the weekends.

Be proud of your children, we certainly are in awe at how they have waged through this time with dignity and co-operation to the many changes that they have had to adapt to in their lives over the past months.

Yours sincerely

Mrs W Hicks
Managing Director