



Dear Parents and Pupils,



It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our High School young people back to school from Monday and today our Primary School children could not hide their enthusiasm and excitement when they entered the school gates. It certainly touches the heart.



We sincerely apologise to all our families for the times of uncertainty and the inconvenience caused over the past few weeks. As you are aware this was unfortunately and completely out of our control.

It was hugely frustrating for all parties concerned, especially as it involved decisions that brought about fear and uncertainty for the safety of our children. The health and safety of our pupils, staff, teachers and parents have and will remain our priority.

The Health and Safety Protocols are all in place and displayed throughout the school, as well as signed compliance documents from the Wendon Staff confirming and acknowledging the training and understanding of the COVID-19 protocols.

As you drop your children off at school in the mornings, we ask you to be very patient as we have a system in place to ensure all children and teachers enter the school property safely. This will cause a short delay but as we get used to the system it will go much quicker. At the end of this newsletter, we have once again added the Health and Hygiene Regulations which we have previously sent to you for your records.

Should any parent like to visit the school, please do so with pleasure.

1st in Class and Progress Achievers for the 1st Term

Primary School	
Mrs McPherson Junior Class	1st in Class - Cameron Whiteford Progress - Luke Reynolds
Ms Horn Intermediate Class	1st in Class – Grade 5 - Max Millar 1st in Class – Grade 6 - Hunter Cunningham Progress – Grade 6 - Zahid Khan
Mrs Smith Senior Class	1st in Class – Grade 6 Chloe Stewart Progress – Grade 6 - Sonti Nikelo 1st in Class – Grade 7 - Wyatt Room Progress - Grade 7 - Asibonge Miya

CONGRATS!

High School	
Mrs Dinkele Grade 8	1st in Class - Sandile Mchunu Progress - Thabo Shabalala
Mrs Price Grade 9	1st in Class - Abdullah Amod Progress - Feya van Biljon
Mrs Gooding Grade 10	1st in Class - Ryan Lister-James Progress - Kyle Ackerman
Mrs Cross Grade 11	1st in Class - Darshan Gosai Progress - Buhle Ngcobo
Mrs Freeman Grade 12	1st in Class - Stirling Proctor & Bathandwa Shabalala Progress - Daniel Roux

SPELLATHON

Thank you for your generosity in raising this money.

We raised R11 200.

The pupils who raised the most money are:

High School: Darshan Gosai Grade 11

Primary School: Chloe Stewart Grade 6

Thank you for your efforts, we are very proud of you.

A special thank you to each and every family who has contributed to our Spell-a-thon. All the money raised is greatly appreciated and went towards replacing air-conditioners and buying books for the library.

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A simple way to raise funds for the school without costing us a cent - Its MONEY for JAM!!!. We will forward an application form to each parent next week, in the hopes of securing support in this fundraising endeavour.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but the world in 2020 has changed us. Let us all learn from this devastating experience."

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

"A crisis often brings out the best in you and you discover qualities that you never knew existed within." - Rajeev Siddhartha

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King Jr

HEALTH AND HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Transport, Private or Public Transport: -

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

1. Private vehicles. Please abide by the Level 4 rules of Covid-19 regarding passengers in a car. Sanitation of your vehicle is a mandatory requirement and masks are to be worn at all times.
2. Public Transport. Please ensure that the above rules are in place before allowing your child to enter the vehicle. Social distancing is also mandatory as well as wearing masks.
3. 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.**
4. **Should a child start to feel unwell during the day, he/she will be reassured and made comfortable in the hall 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 TEMPERATURES, FLU SYMPTONS, COUGHING, CONTINUAL SINUSITIS OR DIARRHOEA

1. All pupils before entering the Wendon Academy property, must sanitize their stationery, books, Wendon school bags, lunchboxes and shoes at home.
2. All pupils are to arrive at school in denims and T-shirts/ casual shirts, jersey/casual jacket. This is to allow our pupils to change their clothing everyday as they need to be washed on a daily basis. (Pupils may not be in a position to change their full school uniform every day, hence the allowance of casual clothing.) **No pupil will be allowed on the premises in the same clothing worn the day before.** No mini-skirts or crop tops may be worn. The school day will not represent a fashion show.
3. Shoes are to be sanitized before coming to school each day. The following day a different pair of shoes is to be worn. These two pairs of shoes are to be alternated each day allowing for clean shoes to be worn daily.
4. Girls hair styles are to be neat and tidy with no extensions over this time.
5. Boys hair styles are to be kept short as per the school rules.
6. **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 face mask. Three (3) cloth masks will be given to each pupil on arrival at school.** The mask worn daily must be washed each afternoon at home. These are a three-layered mask as required. One Visor Face Shield has been ordered for each pupil and teacher if required. As some of our children have sensory problems, we will need to see which item can be tolerated. Should your child prefer any other means of covering their nose and mouth e.g. Buffs, please send a letter stating so.
2. Each pupil will be sanitized at the gate on arrival at school by a staff member.
3. The temperature of each pupil will be taken with a thermal thermometer which does not touch the child. The temperature will be recorded on a spread sheet for daily reference. We ask that the parents await our 'thumbs up' before driving off.
4. Social distancing will be enforced and explained at the gate. **No hugging, hand shaking 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 and shoes 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 and not outside the doors.
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 wear gloves, masks and a visor 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 around the school 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 before going out to lunch and sanitized

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 washed and sanitized.

Computers, Cooking and Woodwork: - Masks or Buffs compulsory

1. We are working on dividing classrooms for the above subjects to respect social distancing. This structure will be relayed to parents once the reconfiguration of the timetable has been worked on.
2. All areas will be cleaned and sanitized. Tools to be used in woodwork will be wiped down before use.
3. All kitchen utensils etc. will be washed before use and after cooking in an antibacterial soap.

Sport: - All sport will be cancelled until further notice

1. Each class teacher will take their children to the sports field to have some form of exercise with social distancing a priority. Masks or buffs will be worn.

Calendar of events: - All events will be cancelled at this stage until further notice.

No risks will be taken even though our pupils will be so disappointed.
You will be informed timeously regarding the Prize Giving at the end of November.

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.

All homework books, stationery and school bags must be sanitized before returning to school for the next day. Clean clothing and shoes must be worn.