



LAERSKOOL *Table View* PRIMARY

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We were all listening last night when the President announced the closure of public schools. This was done in the interest and safety of learners and school staff. We realize that it was a difficult decision for the DBE to make, balancing Covid-19 infection risks if schools remained open with the impact on society if schools were closed. Although we believe that our learners would have been better served if schools remained open, we do not have the authority to do so. We would therefore like to inform you of the following arrangements as directed by the WCED and DBE:

- 4 weeks school break from 27 July 2020 – 24 August 2020 for Public Schools (Grade R – 6).
- Grade 7 learners will return on 12 August 2020.
- The academic year will be extended beyond 2020.

Unfortunately, our school will not be allowed any flexibility. Although we feel that we could remain open safely, such a plea can be seen to favour some schools thereby increasing inequality in education. We would like to assure you, our parents, of our uncompromising undertaking to manage the changes to the best of our ability. As a school we are committed to ensure that we see this academic year through with you. We would like to inform you of the following arrangements:

- As per the directive all learners and staff will take an academic break from 27 July – 11 August 2020.
- Please note that our Aftercare facility will reopen at the Lilliput Campus on Wednesday, 12 August at 07:30.
- Grade 7 learners will continue with the current timetable, school days and times when they return on 12 August 2020.
- Grade R – 6 learners will be provided with work packs to complete during the week of 17 August 2020. Collection of these packs will be arranged between 12 and 14 August 2020.
- Unless instructed differently, we will continue with the current timetables and times that we have implemented since Gr R-6 returned to school.
- All amended curriculum material and dates will be communicated to you as soon as they become available.

Amidst all these changes, we are sad to inform you that Mrs Pitcher will be retiring at the end of July 2020. Mrs Pitcher has been a teacher at our school for the past 31 years! She taught in our Foundation Phase, was a part of the School Based Support Team and was a much-loved Grade 2 teacher. She will be sadly missed by all of us.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these unusual times. *We must always remember: Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. We must not let what is happening around us get inside us and weigh us down.*

Kind regards,


MR WAJ GOUWS
PRINCIPAL