**JOHN WESLEY SCHOOL ESHOWE**

**SPECIAL LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER**

**Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 May 2020**

Dear Parents

**“*Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”* Romans 12: 12**

You have collected a WORKPACK for your child today. This is to assist your child with the work he/she needs to cover for the next two weeks. Please maintain contact with your child’s teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for taking such an active role in the education of your child during these uncertain times. Thank you for paying fees, they are vital to keep the school functioning. If you have lost your job or your salary because of COVID 19, **please collect an application from the office to inform us** about this. We are doing our best to provide a service to you during lockdown, and we need fees to meet our budgeted expenses. Please ensure that full fees are paid on time.

We expect our school staff will report for full-time duty on Monday 25 May and we then expect the Grade 7 class to begin lessons on 1 June. **However, the Dept of Education has not given definite dates yet**. The other classes will start gradually after that, depending on dates given to us by the government. Please be patient!

Lessons covered will be according to a condensed curriculum which will include the essential skills needed to be taught in each grade. Only one set of exams will be written this year by Grade 4 to 7. These will be written in November/December.

We have ordered all the necessary COVID 19 healthcare equipment and we will be following all the correct protocol when the children return to school:

1. The whole school will be deep cleaned by a professional company before school starts.
2. All children and staff must wear masks at all times on transport and in school.
3. School will supply 2 washable masks per child.
4. Staff will wear face shields.
5. Children and staff will use hand sanitizer on arrival at school.
6. Temperatures of all staff and children will be taken before school.
7. If temperature is too high, the child will be kept separately and the parent will be called to fetch him/her. A staff member showing a high temperature will be sent home and must see a doctor.
8. Hand washing using soap, water and drying on paper towels will happen before school and after each break. The paper used to dry hands will be burnt daily. We will use bins with lids and plastic liners.
9. Classroom surfaces will be sanitized before school and after breaks.
10. The Grade 7 class will move into the church as their classroom is too small for correct spacing.
11. Grade 7 children will sit at separate, single desks and will be spaced at least 1,2 metres apart.
12. Toilets will be kept sanitised throughout the day and only paper towels will be used to dry hands.
13. Correct social distancing and prescribed behaviour will be taught to each grade on their return.
14. Grades R to 6 classes will stay in their present rooms, but desks will be separated at least 1,2 metres apart. No lessons will happen on the mat at the front of the class.
15. Double desks in Grades R to 5 will have a clear Perspex shield fixed between the two children.
16. Break times will be staggered so that a maximum of two classes will be at break together. Teachers will monitor social distancing at break times carefully.

Next WORKPACK collection will be on **Tuesday 2 June**

Grade R – 08:00 to 09:30; and **Wednesday 3 June**

Grade 1 – 09:30 to 11:00; Grade 4 – 08:00 to 09:30

Grade 2 – 11:00 to 12:30; Grade 5 – 09:30 to 11:00

Grade 3 – 12:30 to 14:00 Grade 6 – 11:00 to 12:30

If you cannot be here at the time allocated, please come at any time during that day. Please bring this completed WORKPACK so that the teacher can mark it. Remember that you are saving on transport money while on LOCKDOWN, so please spend that money on data for connection to WhatsApp etc.

***Stay safe!*** School contact details: 035 474 2516

In the service of our children If the TELKOM line is not working please use 074 808 0698

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