



BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BPS NEWSFLASH

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We trust that you are all well. At BPS, we have been hard at work, attending curriculum webinars, readying classrooms and ensuring that all the Covid-19 Protocols are in place for the safe return of our learners.

Unlike a few other schools, BPS is not returning to full capacity. Parents who have raised concerns around this need to bear in mind that the context of each individual school is a determining factor. Under the current Level 3 directives, our physical space does not allow for the safe return of all our learners. Although we long to have all our learners back on campus, we refuse to compromise the health and safety of our school community. We are in the midst of one the of the worst global pandemics of the century, and a return to “normal life” can only happen if we ALL play our part. Our track record at BPS speaks for itself: not a single staff member or learner contracted the virus at school throughout 2020. This is due to the effort that we put into the correct observation of the legally mandated protocols.

Reminders:

Please ensure that learners arrive at school punctually. The various screening stations open at 07:15 and the school bell rings at 07:50 to start our day. Our staff will be on duty at various screening points, while teachers will be on hand to receive them in the classroom after the screening process.

Please diarise your child’s actual school days. The roster is detailed below.

Remember to practise social distancing and wear facemasks while waiting for your children outside the gates. It is important to model the correct behaviour.

If your child is not feeling well, or is displaying flu-like symptoms, please keep him/her at home. In order to safeguard the health of our community, we advise extreme caution in this regard.

It is in everyone’s interest to maintain open and direct communication. If there are any questions with regard to the BPS Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures, please refer to the BPS Online Diary, D6 or the school website: www.bergvlietprimary.co.za

Learner Concessions:

Current directives indicate that learners with comorbidity concessions approved in 2020 may exercise said concessions until further notice. Please inform Mrs. Shaban or Ms. Fouten if your child will not return on 15 February 2021. All new families who wish to make use of the concession must request the relevant forms from the office, and return them timeously.



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Updating of School Database:

Anyone currently not receiving these e-mails or updates via SMS from BPS, please email Ms. Fouten at secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za and/or Mrs Vermeulen at uvermeulen@bergvlietprimary.co.za, so that we can update our database.

WhatsApp Class Groups:

Thank you to all parents who have joined the 2021 class WhatsApp groups. If you are not on the group yet, we encourage you to join, as factual school information is shared to the group. A huge thank you to all our class reps who are managing the groups, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Grade R Orientation:

This process will be staggered on Thursday, 11 February, and details have been sent to all Grade R parents. The orientation programme is of huge benefit to our youngest learners, but due to current restrictions, only one family member is allowed to accompany each learner.

Physical Education and Term 1 Extra-Murals:

P.E and swimming will form part of the curriculum. Our Sports Coordinators will be sending the condensed version of the Summer Extra-mural programme to all parents.

Uniform – Second-Hand Sale:

Thank you to all who managed to access the Uniform Shop recently. On Friday 12 February, from 9:00 – 11:00, there will be a second-hand uniform sale on the South Field, with all items priced at R10. Please bring exact amounts, to avoid the unnecessary handling of money.

As from Monday, 15 February the Uniform Shop hours will be Mon, Tues, Wednesday and Friday 7:15 – 8:30 and Thursday's from 13:00 – 15:00

Governing Body Elections:

A new Governing Body must be constituted for the next 3 years. Our election is scheduled for 23 March 2021, and more details will follow shortly. We would especially welcome any parent with experience in dealing with finance to consider putting themselves up for nomination. Parents with knowledge of Legal Matters, Human Resources, Maintenance and Building issues, Marketing and Information Technology, would also be welcomed.

Aftercare (ASC):

Our ASC will operate under the Covid-19 Protocols when school reopens on 15 February. If you are registered with our ASC, but will not be making use of the service, please contact Mrs. Shaban and our Bursars so that they can complete the necessary administrative tasks. Should you wish to make use of ASC, especially on the day that your child does not attend school, please contact Mrs. Shaban. If enough interest is shown, this service will be made available.



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Photo Station on First Day of School for Grade R and 1 learners:

There will be a photo station set up at the Alphen Road Gate, where parents can take the all-important "First Day of School" photograph. Due to current restrictions, we cannot allow parents to enter the classrooms to have photographs taken.

Access to the School Counsellors:

Our school counsellors, Mrs Natasha Swift and Mrs Rosemarie Wichmann, will be available during the school week to provide on-going support to our families and learners in crisis. They are contactable via their email addresses: nswift@bergvlietprimary.co.za and rwichmann@bergvlietprimary.co.za. On receiving your mail, they will arrange suitable times to communicate directly with you.

Latest Amended 2021 School Calendar:

Yesterday, the Department of Basic Education released the latest amended 2021 school calendar dates. The details are below:

Term 1:	15 February – 23 April
Term 2:	03 May – 09 July
Term 3:	26 July – 01 October
Term 4:	11 October – 15 December

Opening of Gates, School Start and Dismissal Times:

Please keep the information below in a prominent place to assist with weekly routines.

Our *Grade R* dismissal time is at **12:00 until 12 March, thereafter all Grade Rs will revert to 13:00 (15 March 2021.)**

Please note:

A change to 2020's protocol is that siblings will be allowed to enter through the same gate in the morning and will then make their way to their grade's screening station.

GRADE	GATES OPEN FOR SCREENING	ENTRANCE AND EXIT FOR LEARNERS	DISMISSAL TIME Mon – Thurs	DISMISSAL TIME Friday
R	7:15 – 7:50	Alphen Road Gate	12:00	12:00
1	7:15 – 7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:15	12:00
2	7:15 – 7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:15	12:00
3	7:15 – 7:50	Alphen Road Gate	14:20	12:00
4	7:15 – 7:50	Children's Way Gate	14:25	12:15
5	7:15 – 7:50	Children's Way Gate	14:25	12:15
6	7:15 – 7:50	Children's Way Gate	14:35	12:15
7	7:15 – 7:50	Children's Way Gate	14:35	12:15



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BPS TERM 1 2021: ALTERNATE DAY TIMETABLE:

Week	Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	15 - 19 Feb	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A
2	22 - 26 Feb	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group B
3	1 - 5 Mar	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A
4	8 - 12 Mar	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group B
5	15 - 19 Mar	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A
6	22 - 26 Mar	Public Holiday	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group B
7	29 March – 2 April	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Good Friday Public Holiday
8	5 – 9 April	Good Friday Public Holiday	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group B
9	12 – 16 April	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A
10	19 – 23 April	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group B

We leave you with a wonderful quote from that amazing British Army Captain, Sir Thomas Moore, who said, *“The sun will shine on you again and the dark clouds will go away.”* As a school community, we continue to keep hope alive, knowing that a better future is just around the bend. Be assured that at BPS, we believe in the integrity of the collective, and will always put the needs of our awesome school community above all else.

Please take care, keep safe and remember to apply the Five Golden Rules daily.

Sincere regards

MR BLP PAULSE
#StrongerTogether