



BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BPS NEWSFLASH

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We trust that you are all safe and well. Recently the President downgraded the country to Alert Level One, but he also emphasised the need for extreme caution and vigilance in practising the 5 Golden Rules to combat the spread of the virus.

As we move towards the end of the 3rd week of the term, we must applaud all our new Grade R learners. They followed the safety protocols without fuss or fanfare, and deserve huge credit for their excellent conduct. They certainly displayed the BPS values of grit and resilience, which will stand them in good stead for the future.

Moving from the Alternate Day Timetable to 100% Daily Attendance:

With the SGB's blessing, the School Leadership Team and Grade Heads are currently exploring various models to allow us to return to 100% daily attendance. We have visited neighbouring schools to assess their models, and have a clearer insight into how we may proceed in the weeks ahead. Various companies have been on-site this week, to advise us on the use of perspex screens on learners' desks as a safety precaution.

With the use of additional venues, staff rotation and timetable changes, we hope to implement our 100% daily attendance model by latest 1 April 2021. Please be assured that, as always, the overriding principle is the health and safety of our school community.

Congratulations – Mrs. T Noor

We congratulate Mrs. Noor, Grade 6 educator, who has been appointed by the Western Cape Education Department as our new Senior Primary Departmental Head. We wish Mrs. Noor every happiness and success in her new position.

After School Care – (ASC)

If your child is registered with ASC, but is not yet returning, please inform Mrs. Shaban. If you require this service once we return to 100% daily attendance, please ensure that Mrs. Shaban adds your name to the list.

SGB Parent Elections – Thursday, 25 March 2021:

Please diarise this very important date, as it is vital that as many parents and guardians as possible cast their votes to elect the new School Governing Body. The term of office will last for 3 years. Nomination forms are available from the office. There are three sections to be completed: one by the person who proposes the candidate for election, another by the seconder, and most importantly, the individual nominated must agree and sign the form as well.



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Learner Comorbidity Concessions:

If your child has returned to school, it is important to cancel this concession, as we need to inform the WCED. If you cancelled your concession, but wish to make use of it in 2021, an updated medical certificate will be required and a new B1 form will have to be completed.

Reminders:

Please ensure that learners arrive at school punctually. The various screening stations open at 07:15am and the school bell rings at 07:50am to signal the start of the school 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. The gate in Alphen Road is locked at 8:00am daily. Should you run late, please drop your child at the front gate, so that they can be screened via the front office.

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. When dropping and collecting your children, please be reminded that the wearing of facemasks is mandatory, as is adherence to proper social distancing on the pavements.

Learners must bring a Ziploc bag for their facemasks, to ensure that it stays uncontaminated while they eat or swim. In addition, they are requested to bring a cloth that can be used to sanitise the surfaces utilised in the classrooms.

School Communication:

Parents are reminded to download the D6 app, available from Microsoft, Apple and the Play Store. Please choose Bergvliet Primary, and then subscribe to the channels relevant to your child.

Thank you to all parents who have joined the 2021 class WhatsApp groups. All parents are encouraged to join, as up to date school information is shared on this platform. A huge thank you to all our class reps who are managing the groups - your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The former President of the USA, Barack Obama, once said, "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." May we continue to be filled with hope as a BPS community, always trusting that the future will be brighter.

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

Sincere regards

MR BLP PAULSE

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