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Dear Parents and Guardians

We trust that you are all safe and well, and keeping hope alive in these unsettling times.

Press Briefing by the Minister of Basic Education:

Over this past weekend, the Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, briefed the nation around the Education Ministry's response to Covid-19 and its impact. The Minister stated categorically that schools would not be closed at this time. Instead, the DBE will implement a risk-adjusted strategy as it pertains to individual schools and provinces. Furthermore, she reiterated that all personnel working in schools would be vaccinated before 8 July 2021. We are still awaiting further communication as to the logistics, but if the arrangements made by the Department impact our usual school timetable, we will communicate with you as a matter of urgency.

With regard to enquiries about reverting to the Alternate Day Timetable: we are pleased to inform you that, due to our total compliance with all Covid-19 safety protocols, our plans for 100% Daily Attendance were approved by the WCED. I would like to emphasise that this remarkable feat is due to the efforts of our entire BPS community! According to the latest directives, ALL learners attending primary school must return on 26 July 2021. However, we must bear in mind that all plans are dependent on what transpires within the next few weeks. Therefore, official directives received MUST guide our future course at BPS.

In light of the nationwide adjustment to Level 3 restrictions, we appeal to our entire community to play their part in ensuring the safety of all. Wear masks, sanitise, avoid large indoor gatherings without adequate ventilation and maintain social bubbles! We protect the BPS bubble as rigidly as possible, but cannot control irresponsible behaviour outside of school. My 50th "milestone" birthday was celebrated in a manner unlike anything I had previously envisioned. Covid-19 put paid to the large gathering of family and friends that I had expected. However, the sacrifices we make at this point are worth it; our hope is that ALL our loved ones will be able to celebrate in the future. I would like to urge our entire BPS community to prioritise the well-being of the collective, ahead of individual desires.

Extra-Murals:

The last day for Term Two extra-murals will be on Friday, 25 June 2021. Please ensure that the necessary transport arrangements are made accordingly for the last two weeks of term.

Depending on government directives, we hope to re-start extra-murals in the second week of the Third Term.

Term 2 Academic and Music Reports:

Term 2 Reports will be e-mailed on Friday 09 July 2021. Please ensure that we have the correct details, in order to avoid delays. Parent-Educator meetings will proceed using online platforms. However, only specific parents will be contacted, in cases where educators feel it necessary to intervene or provide assistance. School will close for all learners at 11am on 9 July 2021.



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Covid-19 Protocol Daily Reminders:

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the wearing of masks in public is **mandatory**. Also, please adhere to **social distancing** whilst waiting outside the gates.

- Masks must be worn over the **nose and mouth** and must **fit correctly**. No buffs allowed.
- **No birthday treats can be sent from home**, as they pose risks to the entire school community. – Please see note send home earlier this term from the BPS Tuckshop, should you wish to provide a treat for your child.
- Learners are reminded to have a **cloth** to wipe surfaces and to keep a **spare mask** in case of inadvertent incidents. These must be kept in a **ziplock bag**.
- Please **collect learners timeously** to avoid congestion at the various gates.

Start of Day and Dismissal Times:

*If running late, please drop at the Childrens Way Gate, as all other gates close at 07:55
Siblings can enter at the same gate, to avoid traffic congestion.*

GRADE	GATES OPEN FOR SCREENING	School Starting Time	ENTRANCE AND EXIT FOR LEARNERS	DISMISSAL TIME Mon – Thurs	DISMISSAL TIME Friday
R	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:05	12:50
1	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:15	13:00
2	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	13:15	13:00
3	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	14:30	13:10
3	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	Thurs: 13:25	13:10
4	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Childrens Way Gate	14:30	13:00
5	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Childrens Way ASC Gate	14:30	13:00
6	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Childrens Way ASC Gate	14:40	13:10
7	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Childrens Way Gate	14:40	13:10

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

Sincere regards

MR BLP PAULSE

ATTACHED: BPS UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS – Please read this vital information!