



Rietfontein-Noord

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Dear parents and learners

The minister of Basic Education announced, that schools must reopen in a phased manner. The following was communicated by the minister:

Grade:	Date:
Grade 7	1 June 2020
Grade RRR – Grade 6	Still to be announced

According to a FEDSAS Webinar decision, the aftercare centre cannot re-open until further notice.

COVID 19

The school has all the precautions in place to receive our Grade 7 learners on the 1st of June. Learners will receive proper training on COVID-19 and the correct procedures. Various information pieces are placed on the school's website and the d6 "app" for your attention. Posters with information regarding COVID-19, about washing hands to limit the spread of the virus and other relevant information are posted everywhere at the school. Our goal is to train and inform everyone so that, within the regulations, we can create the best possible, safe environment for everyone.

Adaptability of phasing schedule:

We must realize that as the Pandemic changes, we must be adaptable on a daily basis. You have also experienced that over the last few weeks the Department of Education's plans have not been written in stone and that decisions have been adjusted during meetings. We will be guided by the communication from government and adjust our policy and response accordingly.

Readiness level of Laerskool Rietfontein Noord Primary School for phasing in pupils:

Over the past few weeks, we have been planning for the return of the learners and staff members. Provision of protective equipment and other equipment has been discussed and will be in place before the return of staff and learners.

Make sure to familiarize yourself as well as your child.

Safe Greetings

Mr GP Swart
Principal



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VISITORS

No visitors will be allowed at the school. If a learner becomes ill, the school will take necessary steps and notify the parent/guardian immediately.

Persons wishing to enter the school premises may only do so at the administrative office gate, after formal permission has been granted. An email must be sent to make an appointment. If the principal deems it necessary to grant the appointment, a letter will be sent back on email. This letter must be shown to the security at the gate. After a Covid 19 screening has been done the person will be allowed on the premises.

Interviews with persons of the public will be avoided as far as possible. Email and phone calls will be the preferred method of communication.

No learner will be given access to the offices.

GENERAL

We kick off with a whole new way of doing things and are pleased to provide the following arrangements:

DRESS CODE

Learners will start with official winter uniform on the 1st of June 2020.

MASKS

Each learner is responsible for his or her own mask (compulsory).

HYGIENE

Each learner must bring a 60-70% alcohol-based sanitizer to school for personal use (compulsory).

The school will be able to provide sanitizer at the gates (as part of the entrance and exit screening process), at classrooms, at all strategic points and/or for emergencies only.

BATHROOMS

The school supplies the following in front of each toilet:

Toilet paper, soap, alcohol-based sanitizer, towel rolls and dustbins. Bathrooms will be constantly cleaned throughout the day. Report dirty toilets immediately. Cleaning will be done under the supervision of the bathroom staff with aids provided by the school. All learners will receive training on toilet use.



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HEALTH

Learners are allowed on the school premises **only** if their temperature meets the prescribed requirement (below 37.8°). Parents, Guardians or Transport providers should not leave before their child has been admitted to the school grounds.

The school must be notified urgently by e-mail (lrn@yebo.co.za) if a learner has an underlying chronic illness. This must be validated by a medical certificate.

SCHOOL RULES

All school rules still apply. The school is aware that hair salons are still closed. Additional rules as well as penalties for violating COVID-19 regulations will be communicated.

SCHOOL DAY

School hours:

Monday – Thursday → 07:00 – 14:00

Friday → 07:00 – 13:00

Learners arrive, enter and exit at the main gate of the school 25th Avenue (no other gate).

It is important for learners to be on time as everyone's temperature is scanned and hands disinfected. Parents should not leave before their child has been admitted to the school grounds.

Before learners can exit the school premises in the afternoon, learners' temperatures will be taken and hands disinfected as prescribed by COVID regulations.

The school grounds are forbidden to learners after 14:00.

Timetables

The learners will receive new provisional timetables on 1 June 2020.

Breaks

Breaks will be scheduled for different groups at different times. Learners will be restricted to certain areas and thorough supervision by staff will be done. Learners must bring umbrellas and/or hats to use during breaks. The principal will advise other break arrangements, if necessary, when weather changes drastically. Bring own water (learners will not be allowed to drink from a tap) and food from home where possible.

Tuck shop

The tuck shop will re-open on 1st of June 2020 according to COVID-19 regulations.



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ACADEMIC

A revised curriculum has been received from the department. Learners will stay in the same classroom and use the same desk during the day. Teachers will change classes. Books will stay with the learner in the classroom and will be kept in the classroom when learners depart.

Online (E-learning)

The unexpected and prolonged closure of schools because of COVID-19 has led to other platforms being found to pass on schoolwork to our learners. It was and still is a learning process for all of us. However, we appreciate our parents' help and support.

Lessons and worksheets for Grade R to 6 learners will, in the meanwhile, continue through e-learning as it is currently used. It is important that parents make sure that learners adhere to these programs.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All extracurricular activities (Sport and Culture) were stopped by government. No exercises of any kind will be allowed on any sports field. No farewells or any excursions are allowed.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to our parents who continue to pay their school fees. School fees are by law mandatory and prepayable. We request that parents who are unable to make their monthly payments due to COVID-19 (working conditions) please contact the school and make the necessary arrangements with our financial office via phone call or email (lrn@yebo.co.za).

The school still has fixed monthly expenses that must be met and is dependent on all parents' contributions to school fees.

The purchase of prescribed equipment, sanitizers and the daily cleaning of the entire school grounds (according to prescribed COVID-19 regulations) places a further financial burden on the school.

The budget has already been adjusted and revised as many of the activities that would have taken place have now been canceled. All extracurricular activities were suspended and stopped as prescribed by the Department of Education.

- School fees must please be paid electronically (EFT or through the d6 app) as no visitors are allowed on the school premises.

Even if your child stays at home (Gr R – 6), the staff still work hard to teach your child at home through e-learning.



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SCHOLAR TRANSPORT

- Transport to and from the school is **NOT** the responsibility of the Principal or any Staff member of Rietfontein Noord Primary.

Guidelines on learner's drop-off and picking-up procedures will be communicated.

Transport providers must be informed by each parent / guardian to adhere to the Disaster Management Act regulations particularly with regards to social distancing.

Learners must be made aware of the regulations to be adhered to when using public transport. As per these regulations, transport providers must sanitize buses and other transport before learners enter.

Transport providers must implement all measures in respect of learner transport as contained in the **SOP**. (This document can be made available if needed)

Parents and/or Transport providers should ensure that the learners sanitize their hands when they enter and exit the public transport and that masks are always worn.

No learner will be allowed to wait at the school for transport. Ensure that transport is arranged immediately after school.