



Monday, 04 January 2021

## General Circular 1 of 2021

Dear parents

Welcome to Unicorn Preparatory in 2021!

In light of the recent surges in Covid-19 cases in South Africa, and the subsequent government change back to Level 3, we have been advised by ISASA that it would be better to delay the start of the academic year to Monday, 18 January 2021. However, in the best interests of our own school, **we have decided to only allow Grades R, 1 and 4** back a little earlier (14 & 15 January 2021) so that they can settle in. (Please see table below for all details).

**Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 will start on Monday, 18 January 2021.**

There will obviously be some changes in our start of year programme. We have tried to keep these to a minimum for least disruption but in an endeavour to keep the safety of all our pupils and staff paramount, it is necessary to make some changes. These changes will be reviewed continually and updated as the government allows.

Date	Action	Time	Comment
Thursday & Friday, 7 & 8 January	Admin staff back	08:00-12:00	Please do not come into school unannounced. Please phone first to make an appointment. This is paramount for the Uniform Shop. The school's contact number is 015 307 2840 and Miss Matlala's email address is <a href="mailto:uniform@unicornschooll.co.za">uniform@unicornschooll.co.za</a>
Thursday & Friday 14 & 15 January	Grade R	Start at 08:00 End at 12:30	Only ONE parent will be allowed to accompany their child to the entrance of the Grade R classrooms. No entrance into the classes will be allowed. This is ONLY for 14 & 15 January. Parking is available at the main parking circle area in front of the admin block.
Thursday & Friday 14 & 15 January	Grade 1 and 4 start school	Start at 07:20 End at 13:20	Should be at school no later than 07:15. Teachers will be on duty to assist pupils to their classes.







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			NO parents may leave their vehicles at any point.
Monday-Friday 18-22 January	Grade R	Start at 07:20 End at 12:30	Children to walk to sanitising point and classroom by themselves. Children will be taken to the admin carpark for pickup at the end of the day.
Monday-Friday 18-22 January	Grade 1-3	Start at 07:20 End at 12:50	Children to walk to sanitising point and classroom by themselves. Children will be taken to the admin carpark for pickup at the end of the day.
Monday-Friday 18-22 January	Grade 4-7	Start at 07:20 End at 13:20	Children to walk to sanitising point, drop bags and proceed to the field by themselves. Children will be taken to the admin carpark for pickup at the end of the day.
Monday-Friday 18-22 January	Grade R-7	Extracurricular	No extracurricular until further notice

### Reminders

- At no point may parents/drivers leave their vehicles (children are to walk themselves to their relevant sanitising points to be sanitised). Grade R-3 will be on the left corridor of the hall while the Grade 4-7 will be on the right corridor,
- Drop off zone is the circle closest to the hall cement quad,
- Your patience and co-operation is requested at this time,
- **Collection of children**  
There are strict rules around the collection time for children. I realise that the driveway is congested, and request that patience is exercised. We do not offer supervision at this stage and so I appeal to you to ensure that your child is collected on time.
- **Patience**  
Please be patient and considerate when dropping off and picking up your child. We are all in this together.
- Please cooperate with staff on duty,

### Just a reminder...

**IF your child presents with the following please do NOT send him/her to school**

-  Temperature exceeding 37.5 degrees Celsius
-  Sore throat
-  Persistent dry cough
-  Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
-  Loss of smell and taste
-  If you are aware that your child has been in contact with any positive Covid-19 cases, please seek medical advice before sending him/her back to school.

## **The three best ways to help protect ourselves:**



**Wear a cloth mask at ALL times**



**Wash hands regularly**



**Maintain social distancing**

### **Parental Info Evenings**

These meetings will not take place this year due to the Level 3 restrictions. All relevant information per grade will be communicated via an emailed letter which will also be placed on the parental portal. These will be sent by Monday, 18 January.

### **Class Moms**

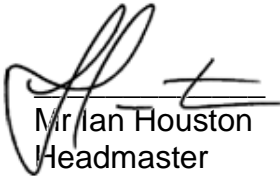
The appointment of Class Moms will be put on hold until further notice.

### **Tuckshop**

The Tuckshop will not be open for direct purchases at this stage. Only food orders may be emailed to Ally on [tuckshop@unicornschoool.co.za](mailto:tuckshop@unicornschoool.co.za). These will only be handed out at first break and as such all orders must be in by 07:30 each day.

All queries must be directed to Ally or Rose in the tuckshop.

The health and safety of all our Blessings remains our primary concern and we will do our utmost to ensure that the full curriculum is delivered in 2021 whilst keeping the safety of your children and our staff at heart.



Mr Ian Houston  
Headmaster