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Unicorn News

Dear Parents,

Return to school as planned

We will return to school on Monday, 1 February as planned. If, for whatever reason this should change, I will let you know. Our general security and safety protocols are in place.

Training

Our staff spent the week doing in-house training on delivery of Google Classroom and educational Apps which work hand-in-hand with Google. If we need to go to online classes, we are more than prepared!

Morning drop-off

We will resume the morning drop-off procedure, as it worked extremely efficiently. A reminder that the circle area is a "drop and go zone" only and parents are requested not to park. Children need to disembark from their vehicles quickly and move directly to their sanitising point after which they will proceed to their respective playgrounds. No parents are permitted to leave their vehicles or accompany their children to their classes. There will be teachers on duty to assist pupils who need help. The standard drop-off and pick-up procedures will continue until further notice.

Pick-up

Grade	Time	Venue
R & 1	12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade R at the top of the circle (same place) Grade 1 on the parking lot lawn (same place)
2 & 3	12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 2 at the top of the circle (no longer the grass area) Grade 3 on the parking lot lawn (same place)
4 & 5	13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4&5 on the parking lot lawn (not at mango trees)
6 & 7	13:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6&7 on the parking lot lawn (not at mango trees)

All younger siblings will be kept supervised at the circle area until their older siblings finish their school day. Please can I ask that you only arrive when the older sibling finishes.

The "Eskom" gate at the top of the circle will be open for those who would like to use the gravel road. This road is not maintained by us and I cannot guarantee its quality. It is more suitable for high ground clearance vehicles.

Please exercise patience at all times.

After the next announcement by the President, we are hoping to continue with our normal afternoon activities.

Dave's cricket

Dave's cricket will resume in the first week back at school. If you are interested in your child participating in these cricket lessons, please contact Dave directly on 082 777 2463 for more information and costs.

Photo Day

Prestige Photographic group will be taking the school photos on Friday, 5 February, at Unicorn School during normal school hours. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to take class, sibling or family photos this year. The class photos will be composites made up of the individual photos taken.

All pupils are requested to wear the formal uniform on this day and come with neatly styled hair, as this photo will be used in all school related systems for the duration of the year. If your child is unable to attend school on this date, no other formal school photograph will be taken in 2021 by Prestige. We will take our own photos of absent pupils at school.

Although we would prefer all pupils to be available for these photos, ANY pupils in isolation or unwell, should not attend.

Prestige now also offer online ordering of your photographs and we will be making use of this facility. It is safe and secure as it is encrypted, and only approved access is allowed. Parents can view, order and pay online which avoids mistakes, handling of cash and speeds up the process. The pay system they use is called Payfast and is a system approved by banks. For those who do not have access to the internet, we will assist you to place an order if necessary. Further information will be available in forthcoming newsletters. If you have any further queries please contact Miss Phuti Matlala on uniform@unicornschoo.co.za

Friendly 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



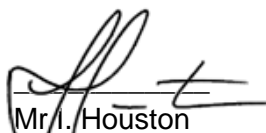
Loss of smell and taste



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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. #oneofus

Yours sincerely,


 Mr. I. Houston
 Headmaster