



NEWSLETTER

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Enter to learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

I trust that you are all well and are adapting to the second year of the new normal. All our teaching staff returned to school yesterday and are very busy in preparing for the arrival of our pupils on 15 and 16 February. As we approach the return of our pupils to school, please remember, as you have anxiety about the safety of your children and families, so too do our staff experience the same anxiety and concerns during this time. Thank you to all the families who have supported Groote Schuur Primary.

We have the necessary systems and plans in place to welcome our pupils back to school. We will continue to use an alternate day roster for all the pupils at our school. This is to ensure physical distancing takes place at school and that each pupil will attend five times in a ten school day cycle (five days over a two-week period). On Monday 15 February we will start with Group 1.

A reminder that pupils are to wear their summer school uniform when they return to school.

For the safety of our pupils please adhere to the following:

- Access point, please enter at the top gate off Campground Road and exit at the bottom gate next to the tennis courts. These gates will only be unlocked at 07:00. We will implement a drop off and go rule, no parking will be allowed. No parents are allowed to get out of their vehicles.
- All pupils will be screened and then proceed to the classrooms prepared for them.
- Please ensure that your child is at school by 07:50 so that they can be screened before entering the school building and so that the school day can start promptly at 08:00.
- Pupils must come to school wearing their cloth mask covering their mouth and nose and a spare mask in a zip lock bag for safe keeping. Let them wear a mask at home now to get used to it, as this will be a new experience for some. Educate them on not to touch or remove the mask and not to exchange the mask with someone.

Entrance points for the pupils.

- Grade 6 and 7 pupils line up outside the door at the top girls' bathroom (in front of the school) and adhere to social distancing as indicated by the yellow dots painted on the ground.
- Grade 4 and 5 enter at the main entrance at the front office.
- Grade RP and Grade 1 pupils to line up under the pillars near the girls' bathroom and adhere to social distancing as indicated by the yellow dots painted on the ground.
- Grade RG will enter at the gate outside the Grade R park.
- Grade 2 and Grade 3 pupils to line up under the pillars near the boys' bathroom and adhere to social distancing as indicated by the yellow dots painted on the ground.
- At these entrance points the staff will screen the pupils and then they will proceed to their respective classrooms.

Exit points

- Grade 6 and 7 pupils will exit the school building via the door at the top girls' bathroom.
- Grade RP, 1, 2 and 3 pupils will exit to the netball courts. Grade RG will dismiss outside the gate of the Gr R park.
- Grade 4 and 5 dismiss on the netball courts.
- Please remain in your vehicle when waiting for your children.

Dismissal times

- **Grade R pupils will dismiss at 12.00** **Grade 1 pupils will dismiss at 12.30;**
Grade 2 pupils will dismiss at 13.00 **Grade 3 pupils will dismiss at 13.30**
and their teachers will accompany them to the netball courts.
- Grade 4 to 7 will dismiss at 14:00.
- Please collected your children at the stipulated times to ease traffic congestion and to ensure social distancing.

Staff

- Nevita Howard, our Grade 2 teacher, resigned at the end of January. In her place we have appointed Lizelle Morton, an experienced Foundation Phase teacher.
- We have new teacher aides this year- Darian Pretorius who will be joining Alexandra Pierce in Grade R and Mikhaila Herbert will be joining Rayleen Gryffenberg in Grade R.
- Esté-Mari Hugo is our new Social Worker.
- Anel Everts is the temporary Art Teacher for this term.
- Jason Roode is our new Sports Coordinator.

Our class teachers for 2021 are as follows:

Grade R	Rayleen Gryffenberg and Alexandra Pierce
Grade1	Marinella Barnard and Olivia Momberg
Grade 2	Lara Butler and Lizelle Morton
Grade 3	Kayla Eksteen and Megan McCrorie
Grade 4	Salomi Smith and Kirsten van Oordt
Grade 5	Johan Claassen and Mari Janse van Veuren
Grade 6	Faldelah Mohamed and Desmond Wagner
Grade 7	Abdullah Johnstone and Beverley Solomons

Resource packs

A reminder about the resource packs collection on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 February. There will be a parent drive through from 08:30 to 12:00. The resource packs will only be available in a hard copy format.

Uniform

Our uniform shop will operate pretty much the same as it did last year, due to COVID regulations.

1. All uniform purchases will only be permitted online. ie, via Karri, Snapscan or EFT. Any purchases done via Snapscan or EFT, will need to send the order detail to uniform@gsp.co.za
2. To accommodate sizing requirements, there is a table available on the Karri app with the approximate measurement per item. Please measure your child in terms of the key provided and select the closest or preferred size you require. Exchanges for sizing will be permitted.
3. All pre-orders will be delivered to the learners' classrooms and issued by the class teachers.

Please be assured that all items handled will be sanitized and all items are individually packaged, so as to minimize any possibility of risk of transmission.

Tuck-shop

Our tuck-shop will operate on the same pre-order basis as at the end of 2020.

All items will work on a pre-order basis in either of the following methods:-

- **Parents to order via Karri before 9am for delivery on the same day.** Any orders after 9am will be considered for the next day delivery. Karri offers you the convenience of zero cash handling. The school benefits in that orders are confirmed and paid for in one transaction, specific to your child.
- The 2nd option is that **strictly parents only** may order and pay directly at the Tuckshop during the morning drop-off.
- After-school sales for parents will take place for 30 minutes after the dismissal bell. So orders for the next day (or the next time your child is at school in their group) can be placed as well.
- We welcome weekly, monthly or termly set orders. Order forms will be available from Charmaine at the Tuck-shop. These are to be handed back with proof of payment. Alternatively, email tuckshop@gsp.co.za for an order form.
- Orders can be sent to tuckshop@gsp.co.za as well.

Delivery of pre-orders

All items that have been pre-ordered and pre-paid will be delivered to the learners' classes. All items will be handled with extreme care and COVID compliance will be of utmost priority. Orders will be individually bagged before it reaches the learner.

Food preparation

We would like to ensure parents that no pre-made foods will be brought in from outside vendors, all food will be prepared on-site to ensure compliance in terms of COVID regulations

We encourage learners to use the sanitizers placed around the school before they open their pre-ordered tuck bags.

Stationery

Parents, please check the arrangements regarding the different grades.

GR R STATIONERY

- Please refer to stationery list handed out at the end of 2020 in the Welcome Packs.

Gr 1-7 STATIONERY

- Do not cover exercise books at home. Book covers will be handed out at school. Afterwards you must please cover them with plastic.
- Please have all necessary stationery at school on your first day of school, especially pencils, glue, crayons, scissors and ruler. Make sure that all these items are clearly marked, with child's name and surname.
- Due to COVID-regulations, we cannot allow learners to borrow each other's stationery. Therefore, all learners must have their **own** stationery.
- Art supplies must also be marked clearly and stored in a separate pencil bag.

GR 4-7 STATIONERY

- All textbooks must be covered with plastic. Please transport textbooks in a book bag. Please make sure that your child's name is written on the inside of each textbook. Please do not write or stick your child's name on the outside of the textbook. You may put a sticker on the plastic cover.

Grade meetings

In previous years each grade would have had a meeting with parents to meet the teacher and be inform of the requirements for the grade your child is in. This year this will take place online and you will be informed of the date and time by the various class teachers.

Lockers

Pupils will not be allowed to use lockers until further notice, as there is congestion around them and social distancing cannot be guaranteed.

Applications 2022

The applications for 2022 opens on Friday 26 February 2021 and are only open for one month until 26 March 2021. We are part of the Western Cape Education Department's online application process and for more information please consult our school website.

Yours sincerely

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