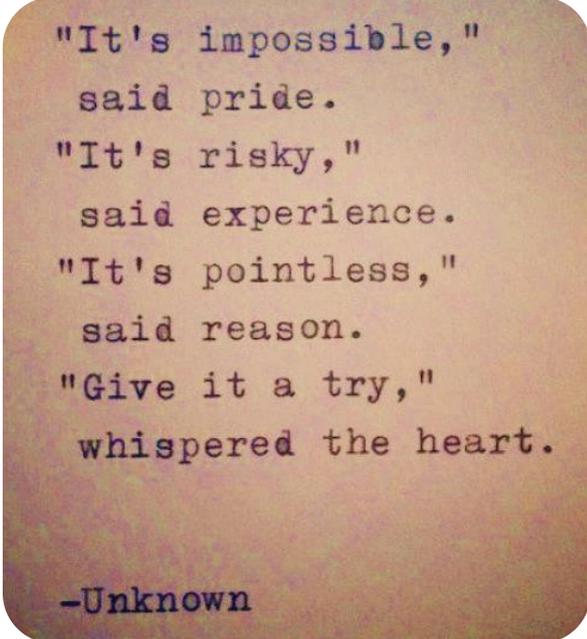




Dear Parents

COVID-19 Return to School Memo 4 and Newsletter



"It's impossible,"
said pride.
"It's risky,"
said experience.
"It's pointless,"
said reason.
"Give it a try,"
whispered the heart.

-Unknown

As the COVID-19 counter bleakly accelerates over the South African landscape, the grim reality of a future that is unknown hits home. The corona virus knows no boundaries and it doesn't discriminate, soon we will all know of someone who has been infected with the virus.

The planned Phase 2 Return to School finds itself amidst this quandary.

In order to embrace uncertainty, planning ahead with a solution that will allow continuity is what we at Bryandale have pursued.

The Blended Learning Approach has been very well received by the Bryandale community and it is this approach that enables us to ensure that our staff and learners are in a safe learning environment. Should there be a closure of schools again, there will be no problem with the transition to online learning.

We would like to, once again, take the opportunity of thanking our parents for their unconditional support and continued faith in the school as we explored various endeavours to ensure that teaching and learning was a possibility during very challenging COVID-19 times.

Whilst the Grade 7 learners have confidently adapted to the new norm, they have energised the corridors of the school and filled some of the empty classrooms with much needed warmth and love.

Sincere appreciation and gratitude need to be extended to all our staff members who went to great lengths to ensure a more than conducive environment for the next phased in return. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed.

We have prepared extensively and now we eagerly await to receive the Grade 1,2,3 and 6 learners on 6 July 2020. Please read further in this newsletter information about the Grade 4 and 5 return.

The continued health and safety of our Bryandale family is very important to us and we wish you all the best going forward.

Warm regards.

Mrs T. Suklal



Screening and Sanitisation

The screening and sanitisation process at Bryandale can be viewed in a video format and has been uploaded on MS Teams #Bryandale Online Learning. Please go through it with your child. The screening lines that the learners stand in do move along very quickly.



Pre-screening and Health Declaration Forms

As part of the return to school process, a Pre-screening and Health Declaration Form must be filled in by all parents on behalf of their children. This must be brought on the first day of a return to school.

A certificate for learners to attend school will also be given to all learners on their first day of a return to school.



Deviation Application for the Grade 4 & 5 Return

The school is in the process of applying for a deviation regarding an earlier return for the Grade 4 and 5 learners. The date for the planned return as per the Department of Basic Education is 3 August 2020. The deviated return being applied for by the school is 20 July 2020. We will inform all parents immediately once approval is received.



Uniform and Masks

In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus via clothing, a special appeal is being made to parents to ensure that their child does not wear the same uniform and mask every day. Learners will be allowed to wear their winter school uniform or track suits on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a civvies day on Wednesday which will allow for the uniforms and masks to be washed and ironed.



Counselling Services

Being in lockdown has impacted everyone and should you feel that your child is in need of counselling services when they are back at school, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher so that the process can be initiated.



School Fees

We are indeed extremely grateful for the receipt of school fees during the uncertain economic crisis brought upon by the pandemic. It enables us to keep the wheels of Bryandale turning and allows us to meet all our financial obligations.

The Responsibility of the Parent

It is the responsibility of the parents to;

1. Report any positive COVID-19 cases in the family to the Principal once learners are back at school.
2. Enforce good hygiene habits at home as per COVID-19 regulations.
3. Ensure that their children are transported to school in a safe manner and that the transport company adheres to all COVID-19 regulations.
4. Ensure that the learners arrive at school timeously in order to undergo the screening process. Gate 5 will be the only entrance.
5. That the learners are picked up immediately at the end of the school day at Gate 5.
6. Encourage the learners to follow all the rules at school as it is in place for their own safety.
7. Ensure when the learner leaves home, they have a face mask on and a safety bag equipped with a spare mask, a personal hand sanitiser and some wet wipes.



