



Newsletter 16/2021

2 June 2021

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

I am hoping that as we started the week at Bryandale, the reality that we can no longer assume we will not be affected by the virus has dawned upon many.

Bryandale is extremely privileged to have the calibre of teachers who are able to transition between onsite and online learning. With this comes a few facts to take note of:

1. There will be no online registration in the morning. All learners who are online will have the initials PC (Parental Choice) inserted against their names for the register. They will not be recorded as being physically present. This is as per guidelines by the Education Department. Absenteeism for the term will not be reflected on the report as a result of this.
2. Online lessons will be done in three different modes: live streaming of lessons, recorded live lessons and recorded voice-guided lessons. These three modes will enable the school to target all of its online audience.
3. There are various factors that were taken into account in using the three different modes; the feedback from the questionnaire sent last week indicated that there are many who are not able to attend the live streaming as a result of contextual factors within the household and load shedding further compounded this.
4. Assessments arrangements for learners who are online in the Foundation Phase (Grade 1 to 3) will be done in Week 7 (14 to 18 June). Compulsory attendance at school will be required for all online learners during this week unless the learners are in isolation or quarantine. Further arrangements will be made and communicated for these learners.
5. Assessments for the online Intersen Phase learners will be released before the end of the week. Compulsory attendance at school will be required for the online learners during the dates that will be mentioned.
6. As per the latest Gazette, it will be compulsory for all primary school learners to return to school full time as of 26 July. The online option that the school is exercising at the moment will only be valid up until the end of this term, should the situation worsen, then the school will re-evaluate.
7. Balancing class teaching and online lessons at the same time is quite challenging, kindly see online etiquette for the learners on the next page.

Please exercise extreme caution at the moment.
Take care and stay safe.

Mrs T. Suklal

IMPORTANT TO NOTE!

Term 2
3 May to 9 July

Mid-Year Exams
Grade 7
14 June till 25 June

Grade 4 to 6
17 June till 25 June

Grade 1 to 3
17 May till 15 June
Continuous class-based formal assessments for onsite learners.





School starts at 07h00 for screening and sanitising and registration is at 07h15. All learners must be in class by 07h15.

Aftercare will resume on 7 June 2021.

"A BEND IN THE ROAD
IS NOT THE END
OF THE ROAD...UNLESS
YOU FAIL TO MAKE THE
TURN." - HELEN KELLER

Online Etiquette

(Please discuss with your children – this was part of the orientation at the beginning of the year)

1. Online learners need to be dressed and ready for the lesson. Pyjamas are not allowed, and learners must have their hair neatened.
2. When you wish to speak online, it is polite to switch on your video feed. You can switch it off again when you are done.
3. Do not leave the room when you are in a live lesson. If you need to use the bathroom during the lesson, send the teacher a text in the meeting chat to excuse yourself. Text your teacher when you are back.
4. Be ready to respond to your teacher by sending a message in the meeting chat.
5. Raise your hand (by pressing the  button) when you want to speak to your teacher during a lesson.
6. Keep your sound off when not talking to the teacher. 
7. Switch off your video feed  after your teacher has greeted you or if you are asked to do so.
8. It is a serious offence to pretend to be online when you are not.
9. Children are to refrain from eating and drinking during online lessons.
10. It is a serious offence to mute someone during a meeting, to turn off their video feed or to remove them from the meeting. 
11. If parents need to query something, kindly send an email to the teacher and do not post the query on the chat.

SPELL-A-THON



The Spell-a-thon scheduled for Friday, 4 June 2021, has been postponed. This is rescheduled for **Monday, 21 June 2021**. Kindly note that this is a written test. Learners must use the extra time given to practise daily.

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