



# Pretoria Preparatory School

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## **SPECIALISING IN REMEDIAL EDUCATION**

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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **UPDATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL OPENING 01 FEBRUARY 2021**

Pretoria Preparatory School is on track to open for on-site learning on Monday 01 February 2021, should no further changes or directives be received from the DBE or ISASA.

Remote learning will continue to be addressed in preparation of any changes that could occur on the side of the DBE and to address the unfortunate possibility of the school/grade/class/individual or staff member having to go into quarantine.

#### **Safety and Security:**

ISASA has informed us that there is a threat of possible protest actions being planned against the re-opening of independent schools on 30 January 2021 / 1 February 2021. *In terms of the gazetted Directions issued by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) on Friday, 22 January 2021 (GN44096), independent schools can re-open for on-campus instruction from 30 January 2021 (in most cases, independent schools will be re-opening from Monday, 1 February 2021).*

Pretoria Preparatory School has informed the Brooklyn Police Station that we will be opening. They have a riot unit on standby to assist all the independent schools in the area on Monday and they will be doing additional patrols. We have also alerted our security company, AXON, that we will be starting the school term. They too have a riot unit on standby, will do additional patrols and will have 'static vehicles' at the school at the start and end of the school day.

#### **School Times:**

A reminder regarding the process for re-opening on Monday, 01 February 2021:

We appeal to parents to please stick strictly to the times given so that we can see to all the learners' safety and to stay in our 'safe bubbles'.

Grades 4 to 7 are to arrive at school at 07:15 to start school at 07:30; and  
Grades 0 to 3 are to arrive at school at 07:30 to start school at 07:45.

Learners will be going straight to their own classes. We will not be able to admit any learners before 07:15.

Grades 0 to 2 must be collected at 13:15,  
Grade 3 must be collected at 13:30 and  
Grades 4 to 7 must be collected at 13:45.

**On Fridays the Grades 0-3 leave school at 13:00 and the Grades 4-7 leave school at 13:15.**

**Procedures to be followed when entering the school:**

We will continue with all the strict protocols in place:

Learners may wear school uniform, PE uniform or civvies until further notice

- Learners to wear their masks to school and throughout the school day;
- Temperature will be taken at the gate;
- Learners will walk over a prepared mat and sanitize their hands;
- Then, adhering to social distancing protocols, they will complete the required registers, which include a symptoms register and again sanitize their hands; and
- Learners will then go straight to their classes

**During the school day:**

- There will be no assemblies and no extramurals at this point;
- Social distancing to be adhered to throughout the day;
- Sanitizing protocol to be followed at the start and end of school, in all venues and on the playgrounds throughout the day;
- Breaks and PE will continue under strict supervision;
- Until further guidelines are received, only learners and staff will be permitted on the premises. Meetings will continue to be conducted telephonically or online. At this point, our parent information evenings will not be conducted at school. Booklets will be prepared by each grade teacher for your information;
- Extramurals are in the process of receiving attention. We need to ensure that we meet all the requirements for all the activities. At this point we await directives from the department; and
- Our Annual Assessments are in the process of being conducted. They will be conducted again in term 3, 2021, barring any further outside intervention. Individual therapy sessions will only commence once the assessments have been completed;

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 1 February 2021.

Yours faithfully



Sherrill Wagenaar  
Principal

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