



26 MARCH 2020

Dear Parents

### **GRADE 1 - 3 ACADEMIC PROGRAMME: COVID-19**

This is quite a challenging time for all of us. We include the message from Mr Brian Schreuder, the SG of the WESTERN CAPE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. He highlights a few important factors- one of them being the access and availability of online communication.

It would help our planning if our parents and learners could stick to our learning programme which is set out in the following steps. Our curriculum is tried and tested, and we know that our content and delivery is such that if our learners (and parents) stick to it we will be able to keep our children going and thriving through these difficult times. (Just a reminder that Eversdal Primary School came out tops from all the Durbanville Schools in the 2019 WCED Grade 6 Systemic Tests).

There is a lot of NOISE out there and we need our community to stick to our basic curriculum and work through it as we set it out per week. Learners are welcome to look and test some of the content on some of the other online platforms, but please follow the instructions of their class teachers, as this forms the core of what we will be assessing if and when we assess later during the year.

Feedback from parents to teachers and from teachers to parents will be done on a daily basis through email. Feedback will be done by the following day. This will be our only communication structure for the Foundation Phase.

### **THIS IS OUR PROGRAMME AND OUR TIMELINE**

1. **END OF TERM 1**

All curriculum material was sent home.

2. **6 APRIL** (onwards towards 14 April)

- Class teachers will start communicating with parents/learners to ensure the level of connectivity of every parent in his/her class.
- Where there is a problem, the teacher will contact the parent telephonically.
- No content will be given, this is just an informal "hello."

3. **14 APRIL 2020 (Tuesday)**

- Week 1 of the second term will formally commence. Teachers will be at their homes – available to communicate to their parents by email.
- You will receive a PDF file with a weekly planning of what to do every day. If necessary, there will also be an attachment with tasks for the week.

4. **17 APRIL 2020 (Friday)**

Work for week 2 will be sent via email.

5. **20 APRIL 2020 (Monday)**  
Week 2 of the second term will commence.
6. **24 APRIL 2020 (Friday)**  
Work for week 3 will be sent via email.
7. **27 APRIL 2020 (Monday)**  
Work 3 of the second term will take place AND  
**the pattern will repeat itself until school commences again.**

#### **PERSONAL NOTE**

I want to reassure our parents that I will be in contact with every class teacher and keep a close eye on the work happening in our Foundation Phase. It is important to ensure that we engage with our learners and parents and stimulate communication between them.

These are not normal times and we are not “out of office”. We are on a short break, but our staff will be operational from 6 April to ready themselves for full active engagement with our learners from the 14 April.

We cannot foresee that the schools will reopen before 21 April – we are all waiting to see what the development will be.

We pray for all our parents and the citizens of South Africa who are going through very challenging times.

Kind regards

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