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Dear parent /guardian

A warm welcome back to Melpark Primary School. I hope that 2022 will be a healthy and prosperous year for you and your families.

Our theme for the year is "Yes, we can!" Yes, we can overcome the challenges that 2022 will bring us and we can achieve, we can make 2022 the best year.

Grade R and Grade 7 will attend school every day, however we will be continuing with the alternate day <u>rotational model</u> of schooling for Grade 1 to 6 for the time-being. We will be re-evaluating our circumstances in order to return all the learners on a full-time basis as soon as it is safe to do so or when we receive authorisation from the Education Department.

The rotational model means that due to covid protocols requiring proper social distancing, we are unable to accommodate all the children on the same day due to lack of capacity (space and seating). Your child will therefore attend school physically every alternate day and will "home-school" on the days they are at home. Home work will be sent for learners to do at home on their home days. We expect that Grade 4-6 learners and some younger learners (Grade 3) should be able to complete their work with minimal assistance. It is suggested that learners start their home-school day at 8:00 till 10:30, break/snack, and continue with home-school from 11:30 until 14:00. If the provided work is complete learners are expected to read, write stories, learn multiplication tables, revise work done in class etc. We would like to maximise the contact (school) time, teaching new concepts and not wasting time completing activities that should have been done at home.

We will not be receiving any masks from the GDE and we request that children wear the masks provided by GDE in previous years, or their own masks (not buffs), however we request that masks be compliant with the school uniform colours as much as possible, (surgical masks will be accepted). A clean mask should be worn every day (and a clean spare mask if possible should be brought to school). Please remind your child not to pick up other children's masks to wear as this is unsanitary, teachers are also unable to identify if your child is wearing someone else's mask.

The school uniform is your child's school identity, and we remind you to ensure that children wear the correct school uniform daily. We will be having uniform checks every week. Hair should neatly present. No beanies are allowed in summer. Girls may wear one small, plain earring in each ear, boys may not wear earrings.

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Cell phones are brought at your own risk and are for emergencies only and should not be used at all during the school day.

The school day starts at 7:30 and the gates will be locked at 7:30. Late comers are to report to the office with the driver of the vehicle in which they travel (parent or transport).

Children are to be collected promptly at the dismissal time or they must report to aftercare (you will be charged R35.) Given the crime rate in Melville and the most recent abductions, children may not be left unattended after 14:15 as there are no staff on duty thereafter.

Please refer to the school code of conduct (in the diary) for a full list of rules and regulations. Disciplinary measures will be followed should your child not be able to follow Melpark School Rules.

I would like to remind you that we are a FEE PAYING school and are reliant on the payment of fees to provide your child with the best facilities and education possible. You are reminded that your agreement with the school, (as decided at the AGM of 2022) is to pay fees on a monthly basis. If you are able to pay the full yearly fees by the end of February, you will qualify for a 10% discount (1 month free).

We have some school events taking place at school this month, further details will follow in due course.

I look forward to working together with you and your child to ensure a successful and happy school year.

Kind regards

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