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Dear Parents

**COVID -19 REGULATIONS**

By God's Grace we are back for another year and all the challenges it will bring. We are all very excited to welcome all our old and new children back for 2021!

We are working EXTREMELY hard daily to keep our protocols and policies in place to ensure that our children and staff are as SAFE AS POSSIBLE! All preparations are done according to the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) of the Department of Social Development that we adhere to.

The following arrangements stay in place:

**GENERAL:**

- Children must be **accompanied by an ADULT** to the gate. You cannot "Drop and GO" so please give yourself additional time for this. If your child comes with transport, the transport person must accompany your child. If you or your child's temperature is too high, you must take your child home.
- **DROP OFF TMES:** 06h30-08h30 daily. The gate will **close after 08h30** and if you are late you will have to take your child home. **Currently parents are dropping children off until 09h15!** Staff needs to be in the classes and not be screening all day. **PLEASE WORK WITH US IN THIS REGARD: LESSONS START AT 08h30**
- **NO PARENT** is allowed to enter the premises unless a formal appointment was made prior to the visit. We will escort your child from the gate to the class in the morning as well as fetch them in the afternoon for you. You children need to be as safe as possible inside the school grounds. We will post photos on the WhatsApp class groups regularly so that you can see how it is going! The staff are also just a phone call away.
- **EXTRA MURALS** are allowed to return. They must also comply to strict measures and protocols and are monitored closely.
  - Currently Computer on Wheels, Dancing and Music Makers are returning.
- **BIRTHDAYS:** ONLY cupcakes and/or sealed Party packs are allowed at this stage. Please contact the class teacher beforehand. We still make it a very special day for the birthday boy/girl!
- **ARTWORK:** We are trying to limit the handling and distributing of paperwork as much as possible. All artwork your child has made in class will be send home on the last Friday of each month. They are immensely proud of their artwork! Please make a BIG fuss about it!
- **SPRINKLE SPRAY:** The school is fogged/sprayed weekly, on Monday mornings 07h30 by Sprinkle Spray to help prohibit the disease.

#### **YOUR CHILD MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

1. **Clearly MARKED lunchboxes:** We are taking them out of the bags in the morning and the lunchboxes will be sanitized before and after eating. **MARK THEM PLEASE!**
2. **EATING UTENSILS:** To prohibit the accidental sharing of utensils we ask that you please provide a spoon/fork for your child DAILY to eat with, if necessary. We are not using the school's ones as we always do.
3. **WATER BOTTLE:** Please send a marked water bottle to school **daily** with your child for the purpose of drinking water. They are not allowed to use the cups as we always do. Fill it with preferably purified water before sending to school. No juice/cooldrink, water is best!
4. **STATIONARY:** We are providing each child with their own stationary, play dough, etc. inside containers that they will use daily. They will not share any stationary and it will be disinfected daily.
5. **BLANKET FOR AFTERCARE CHILDREN THAT SLEEP:**
  - During Covid-19 we ask that each child bring ONE small blanket to school **daily** to use when your child is sleeping during the afternoon.
  - That blanket will be sent home every day for you to wash.
  - The following day you can send ANOTHER blanket to school for that day and we will send it home again to be washed in the afternoon.
  - This means that you must please have 2 blankets: One that goes to school daily and one that is in the wash. We rotate them.
  - Make sure they are **CLEARLY MARKED** and please send them in a plastic bag daily. We will put it back into that bag when we send it home in the afternoons.
6. **CHILDREN WEARING NAPPIES:**
  - = All children still on nappies please remember to supply wet wipes as you always do.
7. **PLASTIC BAGS:**
  - = If you can spare any plastic shopping bags, it will be mostly appreciated if you can send them to school. We will sanitize them before we use them.
8. **MASKS**
  - According to the newest Standard Operating Procedures of the Department of Social Development **children UNDER 6 do not have to wear masks.**
  - **For children 6 years and older:** You must **provide 2 masks**. One that the child is wearing when coming to school and an additional one in your child's bag should something happen with the first one. **MARK THEM CLEARLY.** Visors/ Face shields are also more than welcome. Please consider buying a visor hat, they are available all over the internet.  
**If you feel more comfortable with your child wearing a mask and your child is under 6, you are welcome to still do so. Mark them please.**
9. **WHATSAPP CLASS GROUPS:**
  - Currently there is a lot of controversy regarding Facebook which took over WhatsApp. We have received many questions and WhatsApp's in this regard.
  - **For now, our school is continuing with Class What's Up groups. It is the easiest way for us to upload information and photos at this stage.**
  - We understand that you are concerned, but valuable time will be taken away from your child if all messages must be sent on What's Up, Telegram, Signal or Email and other platforms.

- We simply do not have the time to accommodate everyone with different opinions in this regard. The children come first!
  - = **Telegram:** Parents have told me they won't go on it because it uses too much data and is not user friendly.
  - = **Signal:** They say they are not joining because there are not enough friends on and they do not want another app.
  - = **SMS:** Parents have told me they do not read SMS's anymore.
  - = **Email:** Parents have told me that my emails have landed in junk or spam folders and often is read late.

With WhatsApp we can assure that almost all parents get the info immediately. ALL newsletters are also posted up on our website at [www.kwaggasrandnurseryschool.co.za](http://www.kwaggasrandnurseryschool.co.za) for you to look at.

If you do not want to continue with WhatsApp please accept the responsibility at ask at the gate everyday if important info went out. It is so difficult, the Health Department as well as Dept of Social Development does not want us to send unnecessary papers back and forth and in this regard, WhatsApp is the quickest way.

#### **10. WHAT IF MY CHILD CAME IN CONTACT WITH A COVID-POSITIVE PERSON?**

- = Notify the School immediately
- = Isolate your child at home for 2 weeks and check their symptoms.

#### **11. WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND TESTS POSITIVE?**

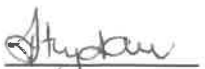
- = Notify the School immediately.
- = Isolate your child at home for 10-14 days.
- = Have a COVID-19 test done.
- = If your child tested positive: We will immediately let all the parents know. The school will be closed for 2 days and will be deep cleaned/fogged/sanitized before the children can return.

COVID -19 is now part of our daily lives. There is nothing to be ashamed about. We need to have HONEST, OPEN communication between the school and you as parents. If anyone tested positive, please inform us immediately. If any staff member tests positive, we will let you know immediately.

As a school, we are dedicated to executing all plans and preventative measures concerning COVID-19.

Together we will make this work!

Kwagga regards.



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