



GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## Message from the School Governing Body

Bryanston Primary School management team and the School Governing Body are very concerned over this Pandemic and none of us really have definitive answers to all your questions.

Over the course of this lock down various options have been explored by Department of Basic Education on how and when the schools will be reopened.

Some of these options have been doing the rounds on social media and various news websites.

Nothing has been formally communicated to the School in this regard and we cannot speculate on what the final approach will be.

Please do not believe all the fake news that is out there. Please check the school's website and the D6 communicator app as we will update you as and when we get confirmed information from government.

We do not know if the lock down will be extended again but we know that the Bryanston Primary educators are hard at work to ensure the learners have all they need during these trying times. This has not been a holiday for our dedicated educators who have been putting in a huge effort adapting their lesson plans for online learning for our new BPS Online e-learning platform.

## BPS Online e-learning platform

We are faced with an uncertain future regarding how teaching time will be recovered. However, we have faith in our government to come up with a way forward that benefits us all. We share your concerns regarding your child's academics.



A learning platform that utilises electronic technology to access educational curriculum that has been set up and created by our teachers. It is safe, accessible and user-friendly for our learners. We will use this platform for revision and to solidify certain concepts that learners struggle within English, Afrikaans and Mathematics. For all other subjects we will introduce new content in terms of research and reading up on topics that will be covered once learners return.

If you require further information regarding the portal or any of the academic material on the portal please do not hesitate to ask for assistance via the below contacts.

Logging onto the platform: [register@bryanstonprimary.co.za](mailto:register@bryanstonprimary.co.za)

Grades 4 - 7 academic material: [shalinil@bryanstonprimary.co.za](mailto:shalinil@bryanstonprimary.co.za)

Grade 1 - 3 academic material: [kpepperell@bryanstonprimary.co.za](mailto:kpepperell@bryanstonprimary.co.za)



Finally, this is a new platform and therefore a work in progress. We hope that you and your child will reap the benefits.

## **School Finances**

The school only gets a nominal amount of money from Government and rely heavily on our school parent body to pay school fees to run Bryanston Primary School.

The school has monthly expenses that we still must pay irrespective of the learners being at school or not.

We would like to thank our school community for continuing to prioritise the payment of school fees. As governors of the School, we would like take this opportunity to assure you that the school is not in any financial risk currently and that all necessary options will be explored to ensure that this remains the case.

Parents who are struggling financially because of Covid-19 have the right to apply for exemption from paying school fees. Parents must please contact the Bursar on [joosthuizen@bryanstonprimary.co.za](mailto:joosthuizen@bryanstonprimary.co.za) to request information on whether you qualify for an exemption and the relevant information on how to apply.

Whether you intended to apply or not, if you are struggling to pay your school fees during this period then we urge you to contact the Bursar so that we can work together to identify the best way to help you through this whilst still ultimately meeting your School fees obligation.

We wish you and your family well. We extend our thoughts and prayers to each home as we continue to fight this battle against Covid-19. We urge you to stay safe and take time to relax as well. We would like our children to come back rejuvenated, well rested and ready for school when we reopen.

Heath Samuel

SGB Chairman