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# Riebie Chatter

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## Headlines

### THEME FOR 2021

Learn from yesterday.  
Live for today.  
Work for tomorrow.

### DEAR RIEBIES

In the past it would have been unusual to send out a newsletter to our parents during the school holidays, but with the “new normal” nothing is unusual anymore.

According to plan the school was to reopen for teachers was on 25 January 2021 and for learners on 27 January 2021. COVID-19 yet again put a halt to the reopening of schools and the Minister of Basic Education amended the starting dates as follow:

The School Management Team will still start on 25 January 2021.

The rest of the staff will start on 1 February 2021.

Learners will start on 15 February 2021 (Learners may come to school in their PT-clothes)

The school's management team will meet on Monday (18 January 2021) to do the planning around the new changes. This planning will be communicated to everyone as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that the Minister of Basic Education must first publish the new directives in a Government Gazette before the school can announce accurate information on the road ahead.

Parents must not be worried about the distribution of academic work, the school already has systems in place to accommodate this challenge. Further communication will be shared with parents in due course.

I would like to assure parents that in case schools are allowed to apply for early return, the Riebies will definitely submit an application. The school had all safety measures in place last year and is yet again ready to receive learners in a safe manner, should early return to school be approved.

When it all seems like an uphill struggle,  
just visualize the view from the top.

## **GRADE R AND GRADE RR**

I would like to advise parents that the school will still open as planned on 27 January 2021 for the Grade RR and Grade R learners. Further communication will be send to parents in due course.

## **SPORT PRACTICES**

The school was extremely busy with athletics, rugby and netball practices since 28 December 2020. Interest has grown tremendously, and the school has easily given approximately 100 learners the opportunity to participate during the two hours in the morning whilst busy with practice.

Unfortunately the school will not be allowed to coach any sport, with effect from 18 January 2021 until further notice. It is prohibited by the National Sport Association. It is truly a disappointment to the staff, parents and learners.

However we must not lose sight of the fact that the new wave of COVID-19 has hit our country. It affects us all and everyone's safety is now a priority.

I urge learners to stay fit and create opportunities daily to exercise. Practice programmes will be provided to learners to continue to practice and be prepared, when we are given the opportunity to hold athletics meetings again.

## **AFTERCARE CENTRE**

The Aftercare Centre is open from 11 January 2021 and parents can still use these services. Hot meals are prepared and served daily.

Times	:	06:30 to 17:30
Costs	:	R785.00 per month

## **PT CLOTHES**

As from 2021 the school has a new PT shirt, as already communicated to parents previously. The new PT shirt is currently available at School & Leisure and will also be available at Boundary Silk Bazaar from the second term. Due to a free market system, unfortunately the school does not have much control over the pricing of the product. However, the school was already in communication with School & Leisure with regards to the current price on the new PT shirt. It was requested that the price be revised, because in our opinion the price is excessive.

Alternatively, parents can purchase the old PT shirt at Boundary Silk Bazaar for a reasonable price.

The school is also in negotiations with a third supplier. Parents will be kept up to date.

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."

~Dennis P Kimbro~

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PRINCIPAL**