

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Teachers on duty to hand over hard copies of work to parents.

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Dear parent / guardian

I would like to congratulate the matrics and grade 7's on the way they have dealt with the "new" way of doing things at school. The week progressed well with no transgression of our safety measures by any of the learners. We hope that this trend continues into the future. Please continue to discuss, with your child, the school safety protocols and the importance of adhering to them. Together we can create and maintain a safe school environment for all, and thus enabling quality teaching and learning to occur. Please take note of the tentative dates for now, and do not make appointments or plans which will result in your child missing school – especially if they are in Grade 12. Furthermore, talk to your child and reinforce the three important safety measures that must be practised at school i.e. mask up, wash hands regularly, keep your distance. Thank you for your support and co-operation, it is valued.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates (tentative)

1 Jun-24 Jul	Term 2
<b>15 June</b>	<b>NB <u>NORMAL</u> school day</b>
6 July	Return to school for Grades 1,2,3,6,10 +11
3 Aug-18 Sept	Term 3
3 Aug	Return to school for Grades 4,5,8 + 9
26 Oct-9 Dec	Grade 12 Matric final NSC examinations



### 2. School fees 2020

Tafelberg is a Section 21 fee-paying school, and the SA Schools Act thus places a duty on the SGB to collect such school fees from all parents as agreed upon at the parent AGM. The Budget and school fees for 2020 were voted on at the parent AGM on 13 November 2019. The Budget, school fee increase and certain policies (e.g. Code of Conduct, Uniform and Appearance, Language, Textbook, Religious, and Admission policies among others) were tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM.

<b>TIER</b>	<b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b>	<b>FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
1. <b>Grades 1 – 3</b>	R1 980-00	R21 780-00
2. <b>Grades 4 – 9</b>	R1 825-00	R20 075-00
3. <b>Grades 10 – 12</b>	R1 980-00	R21 780-00

- 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2020
- First Debit Order run : 1<sup>st</sup> working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2020 (for 2020 fees)
- Exemptions and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy.
- All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed only to Mrs M Vicentini @ 021 558 2405 or bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za

**SCREEN YOUR CHILD BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL**

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Distance learning



We distinguish between home schooling and “distance learning”. Home schooling for us means that the learner is deregistered from Tafelberg, and the parents register their child with an accredited home school organization via the WCED. Tafelberg thus is not responsible for the learner in any way.

Distance learning means that the learner needs to stay at home for medical reasons only. The parents will need to complete an official document, which they need to request from the school. The school will provide the learner with online assistance, and should there be a lack of connectivity, the parent can inform the school and hard copies of the work will be made available on a regular basis. This means that parents and the learner accept responsibility to ensure all work and tasks are completed on the due dates and delivered to school. Furthermore, parents need to provide the necessary connectivity and devices needed to engage with the online work, as well as to ensure the child has a dedicated space in which to do their work and the necessary resources. Parents also need to monitor their child’s learning and study times regularly so that they do not fall behind their peers.

It must be noted that the teachers will be communicating with learners/parents via the Classroom Dojo (Grades 1-6) and Google Classroom (Grades 7-12). Unfortunately our systems are being set up for these platforms, and we cannot accommodate other requests or formats.

### 2. Back to school issues

We understand that some parents are apprehensive about sending their child to school at this stage because of safety concerns, while others are keeping their child at home due to transport issues. Please note the following :

- That these learners will have to make arrangements to come into school when they have to do a formal test/exam, oral etc.
- The school will provide support as far as is possible to accommodate these learners, but no individual tutoring will be provided.

We are willing to assist our learners, however, this puts strain onto an already over-stretched teacher corps, who are under pressure not only to classroom teach, provide online assistance after hours, and at the same time to prepare lesson plans and assessment programs only recently provided to them as a result of DBE’s “trimming” of the Grade 1 – 11 syllabus, but also to administer and monitor a host of Covid-19 safety measures and administrative duties. If we want motivated, healthy teachers who will provide the best for our children, in a safe environment, then we need to look after their welfare. They are now being asked to perform tasks for which they were not trained – they also have health and safety concerns, and at the end of a stressful day also need to go back to their family and be a mom, dad, partner, son or daughter. Therefore, I need parents’ understanding (and support) that as their employer, I will not allow unrealistic demands to be made of any of our staff at this time.

### 3. Access

As per our safety measures, no parent/visitor will be allowed access to the school before 10am, and all visitors must have an appointment.

#### 4. Financial commitment

We understand that some parents, generally in SA, are questioning the payment of school fees while children are at home. Minister A Motshekga has made a pronouncement in this regard and has stated that parents are still liable for school fees. Besides parents having voted and agreed on school fees at their respective AGM's last year, schools have been providing online assistance and or hard copies of work to learners , which is a cost to the school – paper, printers, website + Wi-Fi charges, electricity etc. Furthermore, SGB employed teachers and cleaning staff etc., need to get paid so that class sizes remain small, and the school remains clean and disinfected. Therefore, the SGB requests parents to meet their financial obligation to their child's education. Should there be a legitimate reason for being unable to pay the total fee, parents are to contact Mrs M Vicentini @ 021 558 2405 or [bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za) for assistance.

#### 5. Collection and dropping off of work

Please keep strictly to the times as set out below, in the interests of safety and security. Nobody will be allowed in before the allocated time, nor after the advertised time, as staff have other duties to perform.

Collections/drop off of work etc. :

- Gr.4-6 : Friday 19 June from 10am-12pm (drive through)
- Gr.7-9 : Wednesdays from 10am-12pm (collect at reception)
- Gr. 10-12 : Thursdays from 10am-12pm (collect at reception)

#### 6. Reminders

- Please adhere to the drop-off and pick up times regarding your child especially now that it is winter. When rain is forecast, please ensure your child has an umbrella and rain jacket.
- PLEASE update all your contact and home details, so that we can contact you in an emergency.

**Last week's puzzle** : diamond ring

**QUIZ** : Solve this rebus

TOGETUCH



**Thought for today**

“...if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain” – D Parton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L E Benecke'.

Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**