



CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have been joined by new students this term and we would like to warmly welcome them and their parents to Crescent School and hope they settle in as quickly as possible and are made to feel at home.

With teamwork and perseverance Crescent School was able to implement its Covid 19 Compliance Plan and open for Second Term 2020. This was no easy feat and would not have been possible had it not been for the support of the parent body and the Lobatse Community. On behalf of all the staff at Crescent School we are very grateful for your support and will show our gratitude by making sure that your children are well cared for and kept as safe as possible at school as we continue with the coverage of all curriculums and the pursuit of excellence. I extend my gratitude to the former School Head, Mr. Ramasamy, who provided guidance and technical assistance as we worked to make our school compliant with MOBE Covid 19 guidelines. We will continue to ensure that our Covid 19 Protocols are implemented as the term progresses and improve on them where need be.

Covid 19 Protocols

I am pleased to report that so far all our procedures are working well and that our students are adhering to them. Even our little ones are able to keep their masks on and practice social distancing most of the time. We have orientated them on coughing and sneezing etiquette. We are encouraging students to wash hands more than sanitize as this is more effective and healthier over the long run. We continue to provide sanitizer so that books and stationery can be disinfected. We have purchased urns so that warm water is provided and there are soap and paper towels available.

The cleaners wipe down all surfaces in classrooms and mop floors with disinfectant on a daily basis. Door handles are being wiped. Toilets are thoroughly cleaned twice a day and this is being monitored by SHE teachers, management and the support staff supervisor who monitor that there is always soap and paper towels and that waste bins are emptied. The used paper towels are being treated as clinical waste and are stored separately from other waste. The groundsmen spray disinfectant on the fences, stair rails and outdoor areas once students dismiss. Social distancing is being monitored by teachers. Desks have been spaced in classes. When the weather permits primary students are taken out onto the field for physical exercise whilst observing social distancing. This allows them some time to get fresh air and to stretch. Some students are getting a little frustrated with always having to wear a mask and the lack of physical contact with their peers. Please help us by encouraging them at home to keep corona safe. It is also important that masks are washed daily and where possible even uniforms.

Until further notice the following applies.

- The tuckshop remains closed. Please pack healthy food for your children.
- All co-curricular activities and sports fixtures are cancelled.
- All school trips are suspended.

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well. Please collect your children on time. If we keep taking preventative precautions we will get through this pandemic.

Teachers on Duty

Please be reminded that the official time where there will be teachers on duty for this term is 0645 to 1615.



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Non – Citizen Students Residence Permits

Copies of current residence permits for all non-citizen students must be provided to the school as per immigration requirements. This will be kept on file.

Revised Year Calendar for 2020.

Attached is a revised calendar for 2020. The closing date for students in third term at the end of the school year is different for secondary and primary because of the staggered opening for this term. Note that these dates may change due to unforeseen factors, but we will communicate if this is the case.

Uniform

The winter school uniform is the same as the summer school uniform; however, some additional items of clothing can be worn during the second term. Those are:

Boys – “V” neck blue jersey or full track suit (top and bottom), navy blue gloves and a blue woolen hat, a navy blue rain coat or jacket.

Girls - Navy blue button up cardigan or full track suit (top and bottom) or dress and navy blue pantyhose, navy blue gloves and navy blue hat, a navy blue rain coat or jacket.

Examinations

There will be examinations this term from std. 1 to 7 and for all forms in the secondary school. The earlier students start preparing for exams the better. It is important that students in non-completing years do well in both 2nd and 3rd term exams in order to progress to the next level.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Dates

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint will be written from Tuesday 6th October up to Thursday 8th October 2020.

PSLE Timetable New Dates

The PSLE examinations dates have been amended. PSLE will begin on Monday, 12 October, 2020 and end on Monday 19 October.

Checkpoint and PSLE timetables will be sent home with std. 7 students shortly.

IGCSE Examination Dates

IGCSE examinations begin on 1st October 2020. A detailed timetable will be sent to form 4 students.

Commemorative Days

This Friday, 5 June we will be observing both World Environment Day and Botswana Teacher’s Day. The theme for Environment day is *Time for Nature*. Follow the link below to learn more about it.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

This year Teachers Day will be a normal school day and we will celebrate it here at Crescent School.

Please follow us on Facebook. Our talented IT officer regularly updates our page with useful information.

We look forward to a productive term.

Quote: Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself - Chinese Proverb.

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