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Dear Parents and Guardians

All our grades have returned to school as of 13 August. Slowly but surely, the school programme is taking on the semblance of normality as learners return and the Education Department communicates plans for a trimmed curriculum and assessment programme.

## **Revised Annual Teaching Plans**

In order to compensate for the loss of teaching time during the National Lockdown, the Department of Basic Education has issued Revised Annual Teaching Plans in which content has been trimmed to focus on the fundamentals, or core concepts, in each subject. Furthermore, the assessment programme has been reduced to one Formal Assessment Task per subject per term. This will ensure that there is more time available to teach and consolidate concepts. Please note that all assessments will be based on the content of the trimmed curriculum.

**New terms dates as announced by the DBE are as follows:**

Term 3	24 August to 23 October
Term 4	2 November to 15 December

## **Assessments**

Correspondence from the Western Cape Education Department and the Department of Basic Education confirms that formal assessments will be done in Term 3 and Term 4. It is very important to note that according to the DBE's National Assessment Circular 2 of 2020, progression from one grade to the next will be based on formative and summative assessments administered by the school. Assessments will also be used to determine learners' needs and to allow for remediation. Therefore, it is important for assessments to be conducted at school and in a way that will ensure that they are reliable, valid and fair. Special arrangements will be made for the onsite administration of assessments for learners who have attendance concessions. Teachers will, in due course, communicate with you regarding the assessment programme.

## **Assessment Requirements**

In the Foundation Phase, the learner's final mark will be calculated using the marks he/she obtained in Terms 1, 3 and 4. Assessment in the Foundation Phase is 100% School-Based Assessment (continuous assessment).

In the Intermediate and Senior Phase, the learner's final mark will be calculated using School-Based Assessments (marks for Term 1 and Term 3) and school-based tests that are written in Term 4. These tests are based on the content that is covered in Term 3 and Term 4. Eighty-percent of the final mark is made up of the School-Based Assessments and 20% is made up of the school-based tests.

Sincerely

V. Erfort

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