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School Safety

Dear Parents

Amid the excitement that comes along with the first day of school, I have noticed that there was some congestion at the Park Road gate at dismissal time on Monday, 15 February.

While the school goes to great lengths to ensure that safety protocols and social distancing are practiced inside the grounds, it is vitally important that protocols are visible outside the school at drop-off time and at dismissal time too.

In the morning, learners must line up next to the blue dots on the boundary walls. This will ensure that they are socially distanced and that staff can facilitate learners' safe entry to the school grounds. Grade R, 4 and 5 learners will enter through the Main Road gates, while Grade 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 learners will enter through the Park Road gates. **Please note that Grade 4B learners will enter the grounds through the Main Road gate from Wednesday, 17 February.**

When dropping your children at school in the morning, please walk them to the gates where staff members will sanitize their hands. From the gates they can proceed safely to their screening areas and classroom and, therefore, parents need not remain at the gates after their child enters the grounds. Since there is limited parking around the school, it would be appreciated if parents left the area as soon as possible so that other families can drop their children off with ease.

In order to alleviate congestion in the afternoon, the dismissal of learners is staggered so that they do not crowd the passages and so that there are not too many parents left waiting at the gates. By arriving at the gates a few minutes before dismissal time, parents will help facilitate a safe and swift dismissal process. Teachers will share more information about the staggered dismissal with parents via the class WhatsApp groups. Once you have collected your child, please leave the area as soon as possible so that the next group of parents can collect their children.

Kindly keep the area in front of the motor gates clear so that learners can leave the grounds unhindered. This area will be cordoned off at dismissal. It will be most helpful if parents waited for their children on the opposite side of the road. The parents of older learners could even wait in their cars for their children to join them.

Please note that protocols are in place to ensure the safety of your children and therefore I trust that I can count on you for your cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely

V. Erfort