

THE YARD – PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

SALockdown diary

We hope you have found the activities, notes and tips useful so far. We have added more schoolwork activities to the website's 'worksheet' page, and we will continue to add more schoolwork activities weekly, until we have confirmation of a back to school date.

We are always trying to improve our approach with the schoolwork layout and content, as to make things easier for us all to cope with the challenges of distance learning.

We are learning with you and have also tested out the app 'Google Duo' to have a few face to face meetings with our Teachers and Staff; our online experience was very positive and fruitful.

We have permission from selected Educational sites to allow us to share some of their fun and interactive educational content on our Facebook page. <https://facebook.com/TheYardAcademy>

It is important to have a wide variety of information at our fingertips, to keep our every day as exciting and rewarding as possible; however, please take note that not all of the content is suitable for our Learners.

We miss our Learners so very much.

We are all in this together. Three important reminders...

1. You matter
2. You are loved
3. Everything WILL be okay

Kind Regards,

Rhonda de Chermont

admin@typa.co.za



Facebook: Saturday, 18 April 22:24

We are missing our Learners at The Yard so very much. Don't forget to visit the website during this SALockdown to view your school activities. www.typa.co.za/worksheets Stay home. Flatten the curve. Love The Yard Preparatory Academy admin@typa.co.za for enquiries.

Facebook: Saturday, 18 April 01:01

Some extra activities to keep you and your children busy during the Lockdown. Thank you, No Time For Flash Cards – Early Childhood Education. <http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/>

Facebook: Friday, 17 April 18:17

Thank you, Child Magazine <http://www.childmag.co.za>

Facebook: Friday, 17 April 08:10

Thank you to Storyline Online. See others stories to read together in Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Facebook: Thursday, 16 April 07:34

Thanks you to No Time For Flash Cards- Early Childhood Education <http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/>

Facebook: Sunday, 12 April 13:48

Thanks to E-Classroom South Africa <http://www.e-classroom.co.za/>

Website: Monday, 13 April 00:00

Letter 14 April 2020 Dear Parents, This lockdown and now extended lockdown period has certainly not been normal for any of us and without a doubt to have the children at home is probably quite a challenge. How are you all coping? Are you all well? We will all come out of this with a new appreciation of the simple things in life, grateful for family time and good health.

The Department of Education will be looking at different scenarios of what is possible during these circumstances to give school's dates to work with and although we all want our schools to re-open as soon as possible, we also want what is best from a health aspect. Tv, radio and online activities are available to keep your children busy, but the ideal plan is going back to the classroom, to reach every child. In the meantime, we are excited to be able to inform you that we have prepared some notes and tips to assist you, our 'Yard' families, with activities for your children. Daily: Morning ring and Story time Daily: Emotional Intelligence and break time. Feelings of overwhelming pressure, and anxiety are all normal feelings. Please take it slow. Set aside a few minutes for each 'School' day if possible and tackle only what you feel comfortable with. Your children will love the interaction you have with them. Grade RRR to Grade R years need a lot of repetitive work, so don't expect them to know more than what is required of them. In closing, we pray that each family reading this will be happy, healthy and blessed. Kind Regards, Rhonda de Chermont

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