

THE YARD – PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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04 July 2020

Dear Parents,

Day 100 Level 3 Lockdown SA



The DSD will not permit the ECD Centres to re-open with the DBE Grade R's on Monday, 06 July. We are very disappointed, as we were ready to re-open and had worked really hard to get everything in place.

The staff all came in for extensive training. We had a Professional Company GermCure deep clean and Fog our school, and we received a certificate on completion. The Department of Health's Inspector has also been to our school and was extremely impressed with our readiness in setting up of all the required COVID-19 Protocols that need to be in place to protect our children and staff at The Yard.

Announcements of return dates from the DSD Minister will be made around the 20th of July... 26th July. We will also confirm any changes from this announcement from The Yard.

With the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases and cold Winter days that still lie ahead we are grateful we have an extra few weeks to stay safe at home.

Please continue with The Yard eSchool offered on the d6 Connect App. We will NO longer supply eSchool on the website. Week 06 July will be the last website upload in the worksheets section.

Please register with your token, received on your email to join the d6 Connect App. We have chosen d6 Connect as it is a private communication tool. We need to prevent the spread of the virus and still communicate with all of our Parents paper free and in a safer way. Only one parent needs to be using the app, but both parents have been invited. We will however remove the one parent that has not registered and the parents that have given notice as we need to pay a fee on the number of end users.

Please submit Google Forms Responses if you have not done so already. Do NOT resubmit. There are a few Google Form Responses still outstanding and it is a pre-requisite for ALL parents to submit this form as requested by DSD. We require ALL forms to be submitted for The Yard to re-open and for your entry back to The Yard property, it serves as a permit.

Please select;

Return to The Yard (on DSD given dates),

Rather continue and pay for eSchool until return is necessary,

Notice to leave the Yard as from 01 July and settle all outstanding fees

Any outstanding fees from Term 1, Term 2 and now Term 3 fees are due in advance ie: July.

(Also applicable to all options selected above.)



We too, just like everyone else are under great financial strain. We really need your support to survive this disastrous situation we are also facing. We have given EVERYTHING we have to keep The Yard going over the last 3 months. The next month(s) will unfortunately bring The Yard to head even greater life changing decisions. The last 14 years we have dedicated our lives as a family to the future of all children in our community. We are also praying for a miracle.

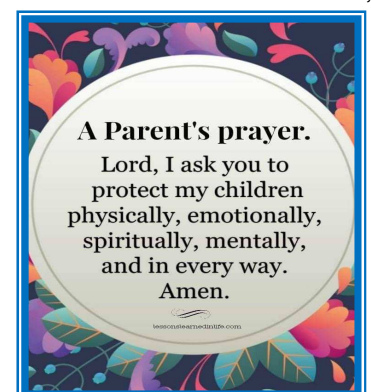
Additional Google Form Questionnaires and Agreements will be sent again nearer to the re-turn of school, as any changes must be recorded and updated.

Thank you for your loyalty and support.

Stay safe, stay home, stay in touch.

Kind Regards,

Rhonda and Alex de Chermont



Wherever you are, whoever you are
BE SAFE, SAVE LIVES

and do your part to
**END THE SPREAD OF
 COVID-19**



My mask protects you. Your mask protects me.

Even if you don't have symptoms, masks are important to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Please wear fabric masks in public. Always wash masks between use.

Without a Mask

- Your cough or sneeze travels farther
- More germs are released in the air and onto surfaces
- More people can get sick from your germs

With a Fabric Mask

- Your cough or sneeze is more contained
- Fewer germs are released
- More people are protected from your germs

See previous Letters and Communication:

SMS: Saturday, 04 July 13:10

All Parents of The Yard. Please see your d6 Alert and your email for an Urgent update. Thank you Kind regards, Denise The Yard admin@typa.co.za

SMS: Friday, 03 July 19:21

ALL Parents. The Yard is disappointed we cannot open on the 6th July, but with the rapid increase of Covid-19 cases per day, we are grateful we have an extra few weeks to stay safe and continue with eSchool on d6 Connect until the Minister of DSD announces a date for our Grade R's, RR's and RRR's to re-open. Thank you for your loyal support. Kind regards, The Yard (Registered ECD Centre)

Facebook: Saturday, 04 July

Washing day... we miss the little faces that belong to all of these hats.

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Facebook: Tuesday, 30 June

South African Government Visiting your healthcare facility for immunization during Covid-19

SMS: Monday, 29 June 08:37

All Parents, important letter and SOP to return to school www.typa.co.za/worksheets and d6 Connect App. Enjoy this rest week. Denise

SMS: Monday, 29 June 08:36

Only to the Grade R Parents that have not submitted this Google Form yet. <https://forms.gle/g8DKi69wwQ2hF6AE9> Please submit urgently by end of today, re- Return to The Yard 06 July. Kind regards, Denise

SMS: Monday, 29 June 08:36

Only to the GrRRR and GrRR Parents that still need to submit. <https://forms.gle/7cuE6iR9vNjB5XW18> Please urgently submit by end of today. We need to finalise our phases for The Yard to re-open. Kind regards, Denise

Website: Monday, 29 June 00:00

Day 95 Level 3 Lockdown SA Dear Parents The Yard's - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Please see The Yard's SOP under "To the Parents" Letters on the website. *(Please take note that from next week, all the letters and eSchool information will only be available on the d6 Connect App)* This policy is a working document and will be amended as and when necessary. The standard operating procedures to return to school has been drawn up after consulting widely with other schools and organisations, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Basic Education, Health and Social Development. The safety and wellbeing of our children and our staff is the main priority. This document will be reviewed and revised regularly in line with the changing situations relating to COVID-19 communicated by the Department of Health. The Yard's document contains the standard operating procedures and guidelines for an Early Childhood Development programme and/or partial care facility, which were developed by the Department of Social Development in collaboration with the Department of Basic Education, UNICEF and inputs from participating civil society organisations ie: eduXSA, to prepare towards the re-opening and to provide for measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19. *If deemed necessary, The Yard's document will be amended to provide updated information and guidance. D6 Connect App and Communication Tools*

The Yard will only make use of electronic communication during the COVID-19 lockdown period. The Yard will not be sending any books, any paper or any artwork home. **This is to ensure no contaminants are spread to the home and school.** We will continue using the following platforms to share, send and receive information with our parents / guardians of The Yard. **d6 Connect app** This d6 Connect application must be installed by all Parents at The Yard. The Yard will only use the d6 Connect app for all future communication. **All Letters, Schoolwork, Activities and Video's during Lockdown will be available on the d6 Connect App only, as from the 06 July. INSTALL TODAY! Please use your registration token from your personal d6 invite sent to your email address.** The d6 Connect app will be replacing The Yard's school diary. Website www.typa.co.za for any news updates. (No eSchooling will be uploaded onto the website as from the 06 July) Facebook page for extra information Email and SMS / WhatsApp for reminders Zoom meeting invite links for all meetings Google Form. With the re-opening of The Yard it is vital that you take note of the following important regulations. Also note that the completion of this form is a pre-requisite for any child to return to school. Thank you to the 30 Families that have already taken the time to complete the form, we cannot wait to welcome your child back to school! This Google Form must be submitted by all Parents enrolled at The Yard. The Government Departments will be inspecting the completion of these forms. **No child may return to any school property (ie "The Yard") on any given / approved date, unless all of these forms have been submitted.** Your deadline date is extended to Wednesday, 01 July. 24 Families have not submitted their forms, and this means The Yard might struggle to re-open. It is with great sadness (understanding of each individual situation) that we have already been given notice by 8 Families at The Yard due to the impact of this COVID-19 Pandemic, in the last week. Outstanding Fees We request that all Families *even Families that have already given notice for July*, must please ensure that all accounts for Term 1 and Term 2 have been paid / settled in full as per your last account statement sent to you by email and that if you are returning to The Yard property or continuing with The Yard eSchool home programme that the Term 3 fees due for 01 July (Quarterly or Monthly fees) are to please be settled in advance as per your Fee Commitment Agreement. Notice: These accounts have to be settled in full before we can close your enrolment at The Yard for end of June / Term 2, and to ultimately avoid Debt Collection handover where possible. Any accounts in arrears need to please be settled in full, in order for your child to return for Term 3 (to The Yard property or continuing with The Yard eSchool home programme) unless an agreement with the Owner has been entered into and agreed upon in writing. Additional COVID-19 Reading material COVID-19 Guide for Learners. Click on 'Start' <https://www.education.gov.za/BB/covid-19-guide-for-learners-English/content/index.html#/> Life Orientation 2020 COVID-19 Booklet <https://kfmulaudzi.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/dbe-2020-covid-19-booklet.pdf> Educational Resources <https://kfmulaudzi.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/educational-resources-english-web.pdf> Department of Basic Education COVID-19 Learner Support <https://www.education.gov.za/covid19supportpackage.aspx> Grade 1 2021 Admissions Reminder: Grade R Parents seeking Admission to a Public School for Grade 1 2021 must apply between the 25 June 2020 and 24h00 on the 25 July 2020. www.qdeadmissions.gov.za Thank you Kind Regards, Rhonda and Alex de Chermont

