

# THE YARD – PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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15 June 2020

Dear Parents

Day 88 Level 3 Lockdown SA

## **d6 Connect app**

This d6 Connect application must please be installed by all Parents / Families at The Yard.

Please see your emails for the d6 invitation. In the email you would have received a token to register with, giving you access to The Yards communication content.

Please register with the token to receive all communication. The next email will be sent again on the 17 June 2020.

We have only received 22 registrations so far for d6. Which means 38 families are still unregistered end users and this means you will be missing out on important information.

We have an online ECD meeting on the 15 June, to get feedback from the 8 work streams involved with DSD and DBE which are assisting with the re-integration of our Pre-Schools due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We will be using the d6 to start sending surveys, questionnaires, and agreements,  
🚩 as well as a pre-screening form to submit daily for when our school re-opens.

We need each Parent to please communicate with The Yard, in order to plan for our re-opening. If you could all please send us a “**Hi from Childs name and Surname Grade**” message on **WhatsApp to 0735244912 by Tuesday, 16 June** the latest, this will indicate to us that you are reading our letters etc...

Survey questions will be requesting information such as.

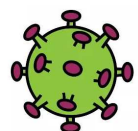
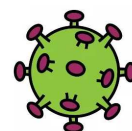
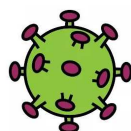
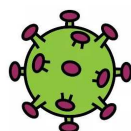
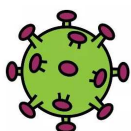
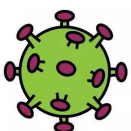
A few examples below:

- **Have you completed the eSchool Schoolwork and Activities plus videos that we have been sending to you weekly, since the 14 April?**  
Yes, No
- **If not, reason why not.**
- **Are all your payments for Term 1 and Term 2 fees paid up to date, as per the last Statement sent out by email on the 25 May 2020.**  
Yes, No
- **If no, please send proof of payment as soon as possible.**  
admin@typa.co.za
- **Do your children have any medical pre-conditions?**  
Example Asthma, Diabetes, heart problems etc...
- **Do you agree to follow all standard operating procedures during the National State of Disaster?**  
ie: Wash hands, Sanitise, Social distance, wear a mask, screening and temperatures taken, travel in safe transport etc...
- **When we re-open, will you be sending your child back to school?**  
Yes, No
- **If not, reason why not.**  
Example: too afraid of COVID-19 and will still pay The Yard fees to continue with the current eSchool provided by The Yard at home for a bit longer, financial reasons etc...  
giving a full month's notice in writing (from date...) and in payment to terminate the Fee Commitment Agreement, going to have to register for Home-school if not returning.

Thank you,

Kind Regards,

Rhonda and Alex de Chermont



**masks,  
Face shields  
and GLOVES,  
Oh My!**

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When I am at the store or at an appointment, I will see people wearing protective equipment.

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Protective equipment keeps people safe from germs.

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One piece of protective equipment is a mask.

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I might see kids, adults, teachers, store workers, grandparents, doctors and nurses wear masks.

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Some people wear bandanas, scarves or other face coverings instead of a mask.

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Another thing I might see is a face shield. This is a clear, plastic shield that covers someone's face.

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Usually, a doctor, nurse or dentist will wear a face shield.

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A face shield can protect from coughs and sneezes.

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Gloves can also protect people from germs.

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I can try to remember that behind the protective equipment are people with noses and mouths.

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They might even be smiling at me!

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I will get used to seeing more protective equipment.

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masks, face coverings, face shields and gloves are just some of the things that help protect from germs. It's okay!

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Thank You!

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See previous Letters and Communication:

Facebook: Monday, 08 June 15:16

Hope sent to all the ECD's Love from The Yard Preparatory Academy

SMS: Monday, 08 June 09:33

Dear Parents. Reminder to download the d6 Connect app. View this week's letter, new daily story, schoolwork and video lessons on [www.typa.co.za/worksheets and d6](http://www.typa.co.za/worksheets and d6) Connect.Denise

Website: Monday, 8 June 00:00

ECD National Prayer Day – 08 June 2020 Pray and fast for our ECD's. Wearing something red and spreading the message of hope. Dear Parents **Day 81 Level 3 Lockdown SA**IMPORTANT UPDATE: Please note that the DBE's Directions issued in terms of Regulation 4 (3) of the Regulations made under the Act: Regarding the Re-Opening of Schools and Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, all Provincial Education Departments, all Education District Offices and All Schools in the Republic of South Africa as published in General Notice 302 of 2020 of Government Gazette No. 43372 dated 29 May 2020 was amended on 1 June 2020, with a clear definition on what is meant by ECD in these directions, i.e. "ECD" means a learner in Grade R or lower in a school. This means that the DBE Directions refer to Grade R and pre-Grade R classes attached to (or in) a school, and a "school" is as defined in the South African Schools Act 84 OF 1996: "school" means a public school or an independent school which enrolls learners in one or more grades from grade R (Reception) to grade twelve". **Thus, only Grade R classes and pre-Grade R classes that are part of a school may open on 6 July 2020 in accordance with these Directions.**

We have taken part in the Vangasali (Every Child Counts) Campaign. Social Development have set up workstreams to conduct risk assessment and state of readiness for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centers. The Yard is a Community Based ECD, registered with the DBE and DSD. We are **hoping and praying**, the DSD (Development of Social Development) Minister will consider our ECD Schools the same re-opening date as the DBE's (Department of Basic Education) date, **06 July 2020. We are still waiting for the Minister of DSD to address the Nation and to give The Yard Preparatory Academy and other ECD's an official re-opening date.** Since the close of the schools; letters, schoolwork and activities have been loaded onto our website [www.typa.co.za](http://www.typa.co.za) and onto the d6 Connect app. This schoolwork and activities have been available to keep your children busy and up to date with their curriculum for the 2020 year, of course the ideal plan has always been to go back to the classroom, to reach and teach every child. We will continue using the following platforms to share, send and receive information with our parents / guardians of The Yard, until we receive an official return to school date by the Minister of DSD. **d6 Connect app** This d6 Connect application must please be installed by all Parents at The Yard. The Yard will eventually only use the d6 Connect app for all future communication. The d6 Connect app will be replacing The Yard's school diary. Website [www.typa.co.za](http://www.typa.co.za) Facebook page Email and SMS / WhatsApp We are committed to providing all of our children with a full year's schooling; and all stipulations in terms of the enrolment agreement (Fee Commitment Agreement) between parents and The Yard will remain in place. **Term 2 Fees:** All parents received 40% discount on their Term 2 fees for children who attend The Yard in the morning. Additional relief for children attending the Aftercare facilities amounted to 60% discount for Term 2. Account payments must be up to date or acceptable arrangements made and kept as per your current statements. Parents that are currently in arrears must contact the Owners for assistance, providing proof of their circumstances. The Yard needs to ensure business sustainability as the employer for over 10 staff members and to pay the non-avoidable expenses. The Yard will celebrate their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday this year (01 August) and hopes to celebrate many more. Without our community and parents support, this might not be possible and the closure of The Yard in the near future will be sadly inevitable. Thank you, Kind Regards, Rhonda and Alex de Chermont

