

THE YARD – PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

Day 88 Level 3 Lockdown SA

Which day is it?

I realised the days are running away so fast, I even got the lockdown days confused for the last two weeks. So today I have checked – it is day 88 level 3 lockdown SA. The days of the week, weekends, public holidays, months of the year and holidays all blur into each other at the moment.

School Holiday

The Yard would like to give our children and parents a short break from their schoolwork and activities.

The school term before lockdown happened would have started on the 31 March and ended on the 12 June.

- (50 days of school / 11 weeks)

We have been doing eSchool since the 14 April, so we would like you to have a short break from Friday 26 June.

- (51 days of school / 11 weeks)

We would like to strongly recommend that all parents and children shut down their electronic devices for 5 school days. Monday 29 June to Friday 03 July. Let your children just play, watch tv and just have plain fun. Do something exciting together as a family, if you can.

If you want to go over the eSchool work as revision or catch up any eSchool you have not yet completed you are most welcome, as repeating of any schoolwork is always an advantage for your child.

Please use this short break to prepare your children for the phased in re-opening return to school.

Fees reminders

Term 3, quarterly or monthly fees will be due as per your Fee Commitment Agreements. Please remember to make all payments in advance, due date, 01 July.

The Yard needs to ensure business sustainability as the employer for over 10 staff members and to pay the non-avoidable expenses.

Phased in re-opening – Surveys

Grade R Parents please remember to submit the first survey by today, Monday 22 June.

We need this information to start planning for our phased in re-opening, starting with the Grade R's.

Grade RRR and Grade RR Parents, you will also receive a survey to complete, as soon as we have official details from the Department of Social Development. This will be sent to you by SMS and you will then complete an online Google Form.

We have been working tirelessly to get our Standard Operating Procedures during COVID-19 (SOP), lists of documentation and items needed to have in place, to be given the go ahead by the Department of Social Development to re-open.

ie: Buying of personal protective equipment (PPE's), printing and laminating of posters, hiring a professional company to deep clean the school, sanitisers, pump soaps, infra-red thermometers, paper towel, a paper towel stand, new colour coded buckets and cloths, baskets, specific cleaning agents, marking apparatus for social distancing and loads of forms to be printed etc...

Thank you,

Kind Regards,

Rhonda and Alex de Chermont

Why does my teacher look different?



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1



I'm going to school!
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Usually I can see my teacher's nose and mouth.
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But now, my teacher must wear a mask. The mask covers his or her nose and mouth.
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There a virus called Coronavirus going around the world right now. It makes some people get sick.
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I've probably seen a lot of people wearing masks lately! Masks help prevent people from getting sick.
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It will be different to see my teacher wearing a mask.
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But, we will both get used to it!
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I can remember that my teacher's nose and mouth are still under the mask.
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Sometimes I can look at my teacher's eyes and I can tell he or she is smiling at me!
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Thank you for purchasing this activity from my store! I hope you find these materials as useful as I have in my classroom. Be sure to come back for newly added products!

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See previous Letters and Communication:

Facebook: Tuesday, 16 June 11:24

Stay home, stay safe, stay in touch, and stay warm on this Youth Day. Thinking of all our families. We miss you so very much! <http://www.who.int/>

SMS: Monday, 15 June 09:49

Dear Parents. The d6 APP invite token has been sent to your email. View this week's letter, lessons & videos on www.typa.co.za/worksheets and d6 Connect.Denise

Website: Monday, 15 June 00:00

Dear Parents Day 81 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

Some fun activities

- Use Cookie Cutters with Playdough
- Have Fun with a Tub of Rice
- Use Flashlights in the Dark
- Paint on Newspapers
- Create Something Out of Salt Dough
- Draw on a White Board
- Make Bath Time Glow
- Create an Obstacle Course
- Provide Water for Pouring
- Toss Balloons
- Paint with Q-Tips
- Cut Scraps of Paper
- Thread Plastic Straw Pieces
- Paint with Tea Bags
- Color on Junk Mail
- Put Stickers on Paper
- Paint with Watercolors
- Drive Cars Through Shaving Cream
- Stack Blocks
- Wash Plastic Dishes
- Freeze Water and Paint on It



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