

THE YARD – PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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29 June 2020

Dear Parents

Day 95 Level 3 Lockdown SA

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 Forms

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.gdeadmissions.gov.za

Thank you

Kind Regards,

Rhonda and Alex de Chermont





See previous Letters and Communication:

SMS: Wednesday, 24 June 18:57

Grade R Parents seeking Admission to a Public School for Grade 1 2021 must apply from 08h00 on 25 June 2020 (deadline 24h00 25 July 2020)

www.gdeadmissions.gov.za Regards, The Yard

Facebook: Tuesday, 23 June 20:30 / 20:49 / 20:51

Grade 1 2021 Admissions

Facebook: Tuesday, 23 June 20:29

To all our Grade R Parents who are seeking to apply at a Public School for Grade 1 2021 <http://www.gauteng.gov.za/>

SMS: Tuesday, 23 June 18:49

Dear GrRRR and GrRR Parents. Phased return to The Yard. Please submit this Google Form urgently. Deadline; Friday 26 June. <https://forms.gle/7cuE6tR9vNjB5XW18> Kind regards, Denise

SMS: Tuesday, 23 June 18:22

Dear GrR Parents. Return to The Yard - 06 July 2020. Please submit this Google Form urgently! (We have only received 12 forms out of 27) <https://forms.gle/g8DKi69wwQ2hF6AE9> deadline, Wednesday 24 June. Kind regards, Denise

Facebook: Sunday, 21 June 22:37

Never lose HOPE! Tomorrow could be the day you've been waiting for, as anything is possible. We are in this together at The Yard Preparatory Academy. Stay safe, stay home, stay in touch xx

Facebook: Sunday, 21 June 10:44

Happy Father's Day Love from The Yard xx

Facebook: Saturday, 20 June 11:30

Thank you, E-Classroom South Africa, for these great Father's Day activities. <http://www.e-classroom.co.za/>

SMS: Thursday, 18 June 17:29

Dear Parents. Return to The Yard - 06 July 2020 - Grade R's. Please complete and submit this Google Form <https://forms.gle/g8DKi69wwQ2hF6AE9> by Monday, 22 June. Kind regards, Denise

Website: Monday, 22 June 00:00

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