



THE PINELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

“THE BLUE SCHOOL”

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the start of the 2022 academic year. I hope that amidst all the challenges of the past 18 months, we will still find renewed strength and courage to navigate the challenges of this new academic year. So much is envisioned to be different this year and yet so much remains uncertain.

However, we will continue to motivate, inspire and empower our learners' and remain steadfast in our commitment in delivering a school programme that is worthy of our learners' and the school community we serve.

Staff

We are happy to welcome the new Head of Music, Ms. Kelly Kelderman to the school. It is our wish that her stay at the Blue School will be both enriching and rewarding.

Term Dates

Term 1	19 January 2022 – 25 March 2022
Term 2	5 April 2022 – 24 June 2022
Term 3	19 July 2022 – 30 September 2022
Term 4	11 October 2022 – 14 December 2022

School times

School will start at 07h50.

Dismissal times

First Week of school: 19, 20 January 2022:

Grade R: 12h30

Grades 1,2,3: 13h00

Grades 4,5,6,7: 14h00

Friday 21 January 2022 at 12h30

Rest of the school term:

Foundation Phase	Grade R	Mon - Thurs	12H30	Friday	12h15
	Grade 1,2	Mon - Thurs	13h10	Friday	12h15
	Grade 3	Mon – Thurs	13h30	Friday	12h15
Intersen Phase	Grade 4-7	Mon – Thurs	14h00	Friday	12h30

School Attendance Model

In consultation and with the approval of our SGB and in consideration of existing protocols, we will adopt a phased in approach to school attendance as we start the new academic school year.

The following grades will start the year in full attendance.

Grade R and Grade 1 as they underpin the base of the Foundation phase.

Grade 4 as this is a transition grade between the Foundation and Intermediate phase resulting in numerous changes that come into effect for our learners to adjust to.

Grade 7 as per the existing arrangements and as they are an exiting grade.

We will continue with our alternate day attendance model for the remaining grades **(2, 3, 5, 6)** meaning that only 50% of our learner population will attend school on respective days. Each class will have 2 groups (A&B) which will be in attendance every alternate day.

All other health and safety protocols still apply (physical distancing, screening, wearing of masks).

Group Days: Week 1 (19 January 2022 – 21 January 2022)

Group A will attend on Wednesday and Friday

Group B will attend on Thursday.

Please consult the attached grade specific class list for the attendance days. Please ensure that learners attend school on the correct day as indicated.

We are confident that all grades will be on full attendance soon.

Screening

- Learners may only enter the grounds using the back gate.
- School gate opens at 7h00.
- Screening will commence at 7h00.
- Screening point 1 [Ms.Marcus] → Gr R & Gr 1M
- Screening point 2 [Ms. Van Vlaanderen] → Gr 2 & Gr 1N
- Screening point 3&4 [Hall] → Grades 3,4,5,6,7

Screening Procedure:

- (i) Temperature scanning
- (ii) record health question responses
- (iii) apply hand sanitizer

Aftercare

Aftercare will be fully operational for those learners attending aftercare. Please inform the school if your child will not be attending aftercare. All COVID19 protocols will be observed at the aftercare.

School Uniform

Full summer school uniform is to be worn for Term 1. Please refrain from mixing the Summer and Winter school uniform.

Sport/ Extra- murals

All sport and extra-mural activities will resume on the 31 January 2022. A detailed plan will be provided to parents in due course.

Our traditional inter-school athletics day will take place on the 9 February 2022 and will be hosted by the Green school. More details to follow.

Parent meetings/ Meet and Greet

Our annual parent meet and greet will take place in the week of the 4 February 2022. The format of these meetings will be communicated soon.

Stationery

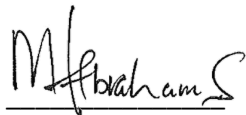
On the first day of school, demarcated areas will be made available for learner's stationery to be placed. We request that parents please leave all stationery at these points in order to ensure a smooth start to the school day. Please mark all stationery with the learner's correct details.

Demarcated areas are: Foundation phase outside Ms. Vlaanderen's class.

Intersen phase in the school hall.

Trusting all the above is in order and wishing our Blue school community a successful and fruitful Term 1.

Yours sincerely



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