



Khanyisa Education Centre

Primary - Secondary - Boarding

"Learning to Care, Do and Achieve"

Gazankulu Private Schools Trust (Association Incorporated under Section 21 - Registration Number: 1990/005435/08)

2 February 2021

Dear Parents and learners

The delayed reopening of schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that Khanyisa, like all other schools had to remain closed for class teaching from 18 January 2021, which was our initial day for the reopening of schools. A spike in Covid -19 transmissions in the province and in Giyani in particular has meant that medical advice indicated at the time, that it was not wise to reopen the school, then.

After having taken medical advice again, it has emerged that the infection rate due to Covid-19 has started to drop steadily across the province as well as in Mopani District and indeed in Giyani. We have consulted the independent school sector, the government sector as well as listened to medical opinions both nationally and locally and have been advised to reopen the school for learners no earlier than Monday 8 February 2021.

In-contact learning for learners will therefore resume on Monday 8 February 2021 (see-attached timetable). As per Covid-19 regulations meant to curb the spread of the coronavirus, we will be operating at 50% capacity and following a rotational timetable. Please note that the Foundation phase (i.e. Grade R-3) and the Pre-school (i.e. Grade 000 & Grade 00) will be following a two-week cycle rotational timetable (i.e. Week 1 and Week 2). The Intermediate phase (i.e. Grade 4-6) will follow a one-week cycle daily rotational timetable. **Please stick to the timetable.**

Foundation phase and Pre-school timetable

Foundation phase has been divided into two groups, that is, Group 1 and Group 2 (see the groups on page 2 below with their respective class teachers).

WEEK 1					
DAYS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDY	FRIDAY
GROUPS	GROUP 1	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 2	GROUP 1

WEEK 2					
DAYS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GROUPS	GROUP 2	GROUP 1	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 2

Intermediate phase timetable

GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	MONDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TUESDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY

Groups in the foundation phase

GROUP 1		GROUP 2	
Grade	Class teacher	Grade	Class teacher
RM	Judith Makhubele	RB	Mbitsini Baloyi
1JM	Josylin Mafodya	1PM	Petronella Maroso
2K	Shareni Kiriimi	2C	Merina Chokoe
3R	Tryphinah Raletjena	3M	Khethiwe Maluphaso
Grade 000 & 00	Elizabeth Rikhotso		

Each grade in the Intermediate phase will attend for 3-days a week, and online teaching may be utilised or work given to be done on the days when learners are at home. The same arrangement applies even to the Foundation phase.

As concerns for the coronavirus continue to increase, we would like to assure parents that the safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority. While every effort will be made in school to adhere to health protocols, such as:

- Wearing face cloth masks, observing social distance of at least 2 metres
- Wash hands regularly with soapy water, use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser

We would appreciate it if you would also reinforce the above-mentioned key safety messages regarding Covid-19 at home on regular basis. We wish to remind learners, that masks wearing is compulsory and that no learner will be admitted to the school premises without a mask being worn in the prescribed manner. For maximum protection, we encourage all learners in the primary school to purchase bucket hats. Class teachers will provide more information pertaining these bucket hats.

If your child or any member of your family shows any symptoms of Covid-19, we ask that you inform us at once and keep your child off school until a test has taken place and results confirmed. Similarly, if your child is unwell with any other illness, please keep him/her at home.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank learners and parents for the support of teaching and learning on the various electronic platforms, while we were all away from school, but we welcome the opportunity to get our learners back to class.

Please note that all learners must be dropped off inside the school premises, as the state of the road and the volume of traffic on the road outside of school makes drop-off outside a dangerous option. Parents and taxis will be directed to various drop-off points inside the school.

Parents who still feel that it is unsafe to bring learners back at this time have the right to keep their children at home. In such cases, the school must be informed in time, to allow us to continue with online remote teaching. Thanking you.