



26 August 2020

Dear Parents

RE: Term 3 - 2020

Term 3 will start on 1 September after the winter, windy holiday month of August. We hope you all enjoyed the holiday as well as the privilege of moving to Level 2 of lockdown.

We are looking forward to a more prosperous, busy and exciting Term 3. This 3-month term will, as always, be a very important academic term. As from 1 September we will be making use of a 5-day week timetable for each grade. (Attached the Term Calendar).

Please note: All Covid-19 protocols and procedures still apply and must be followed strictly.

1. School operating hours

(Primary School)

Gates open at 06:45

Staff on duty from 07:00

Academic day starts: 07:45 (From 07:30 students report to their register class)

End of academic day:

Gr 1 - 13:10

Gr 2 - 13:20

Gr 3 – 13:30

Gr 4 to 7 – 14:00

Buses depart at 14:15

Supervision in register classes until 15:00 (Monday – Thursday).

After Care starts at 15:00 Monday – Thursday and 14:00 on a Friday.

Please note that this is compulsory for Grade 1 – 4 students (staying later than 15:00) and it will be at an additional cost which includes a light afternoon snack.

Any Grade 5 – 7 student staying at school after 15:00 will be waiting under the canopy at the parking area. We urge and ask parents to not leave children waiting there for long periods. Should you have a problem please contact the register teacher.

(Pre-Primary School)

As above with the following differences:

- End of academic day: 13:00 (Academic staff still on duty afterwards)
- After Care: starts at 13:30 until 17:30 (or until the last child is collected). Please pack additional lunch for your child if he/she stays after 13:30.

2. School uniform

Pre-Primary golf-shirts, sleeveless- and long sleeve jerseys are available from the office. Please send an e-mail to Ronel principalsassistant@almainternational.co.za to place an order

Primary school students are allowed to wear summer- or winter uniform as long as they do not mix and match it. It seems like there will be a bit of a cold spell during the first week of September.

3. Sport clothes

Students must wear their official sport clothes on the following days. Should it be cold only an Alma Mater track suit is allowed.

- Gr 1: Tuesdays
- Gr 2: Thursdays
- Gr 3: Fridays
- Gr 4: Wednesdays
- Gr 5: Thursdays
- Gr 6 Blue: Fridays
- Gr 6 Red: Thursdays
- Gr 7: Fridays

We will be introducing physical activities (within the rules) on the above days per class and not per grade group. We will adapt, change and implement these physical activity periods without any prior notice, therefore students must wear sports attire on the above days.

4. Compulsory school day

Please note that Saturday 19 September is a compulsory school day for all Gr R – 7 students. Students will attend school as normal. Gr 4 to 7 will write a test and follow a normal school day afterwards.

5. Textbook and stationery lists – 2021

These lists will be available and published by the end of September.

6. Camps and/or Tours

We are fully aware of the fact that Gr 4 and 5 parents have paid for the school camp/outing already as it was part of the school pack amount of 2020. This camp/outing will not take place this year and we will carry that amount over to your school fee account of 2021.

The grade 6 leadership camp will take place as per the term calendar.

The Grade 7 Cape Town Tour is still part of our planning. We will communicate our final and revised plan as soon as possible. Should we cancel this tour there will unfortunately be a deposit amount, that has been paid already, that will be for your cost.

We are looking forward to the challenges of this term and hope to “see” you as parents a bit more during this term.

It is by the divine grace of God that we can start this new term. We thank you as parents for your loyal commitment, the students and staff for their resilience and determination and our supporting staff for their hard work – we have all been doing well and we will see this year through!

Kind regards

