

16 August 2020

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

The City Council Health and Safety Team and a Team from the Ministry of Basic Education have both given the go ahead for Botlhale Cambridge International School to re-open with immediate effect.

As you are aware the COVID 19 situation within Gaborone is serious and it is more important than ever that we all adhere to the COVID 19 protocols and procedures.

As advised by Ministry of Education, the School will open in stages to ensure the COVID 19 guidelines are adhered to.

Therefore, on **TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020**, the Examination Classes, **Standard 6, Standard 7, Form 2 and Form 5** will return to School.

On **THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020**, **Standard 4, Standard 5, Form 1, Form 3 and Form 4** Classes will return to School.

On **MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020**, **Pre-Primary, Standard 1, Standard 2 and Standard 3** Classes will return to School.

Starting times:

Student will be received from 06:45am. Any students dropped off earlier will have to be attended to by the guardroom and will be only allowed into the premises after temperature screening.

Pre-Primary and Primary Pupils should be in school by **8.00am**.

Secondary Students should be in school by **7.30am**.

Dismissal times:

As further advised by the Ministry of Basic Education the time Secondary School Students are to be released earlier than prior to the lock down. Learners will be released at the following times:

- **Pre-Primary, Standard 1, Standard 2 and Standard 3** at 12.45pm
- **Standard 4, Standard 5, Standard 6 and Standard 7** at 1.15pm
- **All Secondary Students** will be released at 1.30pm.
- Parents are asked to ensure learners are picked up within 30mins of their knock off time.
- All learners dropped off by parents/guardians/taxi will be required to remain in the car until their temperature is checked. Parents are kindly requested to exercise patience as

this process reduces the inconvenience of having to call you back should there be an issue while you are already either in traffic or at your work places.

- We have observed the sad situation where some parents still drive into the school at high speed. Parents are requested to please adhere to the speed limit of 5km/h when they are within school premises.
- Upon entering the school premises, school staff will direct cars on which lane to take. Once directed to a lane, drivers are requested to stick to that lane as haphazard switching of lanes may cause accidents.
- Parents are also reminded to ensure the learners are ready by the time they reach the drop off zone, have their bags within reach and ready to drop off. Wish your kids a good day while inside the car. This will help speed up the process and reduce traffic congestion.
- While waiting to pick up, parents are also reminded to stay in their cars. Their children will be directed or brought to your car in case of younger learners.

The above regulations are intended to reinforce and improve COVID 19 precautions and protocols and so protect us all and must be followed at all times as we strive to make the school a safe, healthy and happy environment for all learners and staff and we look forward to seeing all of our students back in school.

Yours sincerely



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Principal