



# WESTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## **AMENDED SCHOOL RULES FOR COVID-19**

Parents and learners are hereby notified that the following amendments and additions to the school rules have been approved by our Covid-19 Advisory Team. Note that this must be read along with the school's Code of Conduct and the School Operational Plan. These amendments will apply for the duration of the Lockdown period and as long as the *Covid-19* regulations are in place.

1. Learners must report for screening as from 07h45 every morning.
2. Learners will not be granted access to the school premises unless they have been through the screening process where temperatures will be taken and a set of questions completed.
3. Learners who are not wearing a mask will not be admitted onto the school premises. Masks must be washed daily and a fresh mask is to be worn every day. Along with a mask the wearing of a face shield is also recommended for extra protection.
4. Where a learner's school uniform has been in the laundry and not yet ready for wearing to school the next day, such a learner will be allowed to wear a casual clothing item instead.
5. Learners are required to adhere to the social distancing requirements at all times. Any transgression will be viewed as a very serious offence resulting in parents being advised to keep the learner at home.
6. Learners must obey all social distancing markings in the classroom and on the walkways, when lining up for class, during the screening process and during breaks.
7. No ball games or any other activity involving social interaction will be allowed.
8. The sharing of writing utensils, calculators, textbooks or notebooks will not be allowed. All learners must bring their own stationery.
9. Ensure that a packed lunch is brought to school as no tuckshop facilities will be available.
10. No sharing of food and drink will be allowed. No learner will be allowed to leave the school premises during the school day to get food or for any other reason.
11. No learner will be allowed outside the classroom while classes are in session. Ablution facilities may be used during breaks only, during which time a staff duty roster will be in place.
12. The teaching programme has been restructured so as to minimise movement of learners between classes; the latter will only happen where subject choices require this (eg. Mathematics vs Math Literacy or CAT vs Geography). They will primarily be pegged in their registration classrooms (homerooms) while subject teachers rotate with the periods.
13. When in the classroom all learners must remain in their seats at all times and use the same seating place every day. Desks have been spaced at the required 1.5 metres apart in order to maintain social distancing.

14. The possession and use of any substances such as cigarettes, dagga or other illegal substances, as well as dangerous weapons remain strictly prohibited. Parents are reminded that learners who are caught smoking at school are often guilty of sharing their cigarettes; This will undoubtedly increase the risk of spreading infections. In order to protect the health and safety of all learners and staff, no warning system will be implemented for offenders.
15. Learners are allowed to bring their cell phones or tablets as an aid to the teaching process. However, learners themselves will be responsible for the safe keeping of these devices.
16. Learners must share the responsibility of keeping our school clean, to ensure the health and safety of all. Each learner is required to bring a pocket size spray bottle to clean his/her own seat and work surface. We will gladly refill these bottles with hand sanitiser when needed.
17. It is compulsory for all learners to practise good hygiene at all times by washing their hands frequently with soap and water, using hand sanitiser on hands and surfaces, coughing and sneezing into a bent elbow, not touching their face or front of masks and wearing their masks properly and at all times. Under no circumstances may learners touch or share each other's masks.
18. Any learner who shows flu-like symptoms such as a cough, sore throat or fever must remain at home until the condition has been cured. Similarly, parents will be called to collect learners who develop such symptoms while at school.
19. Should a learner be kept at home or absent from school for any reason it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school in writing of the reason for such absence. If the reason is based on the learner's medical condition or health concerns, a medical certificate or doctor's report will be required. Parents are encouraged communicate this to us via the school's email address.
20. It is required of parents to be forthcoming and notify the school if a learner has had any contact someone who tested positive for the Corona virus.

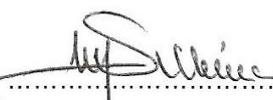
We will do our best to implement and enforce these rules with understanding, allowing for the fact that our learners are now confronted by a new reality which no-one could have foreseen. However, the safety of all learners and staff and their extended families remain of paramount importance.

We need our parents and learners to acknowledge and commit to these amended rules and continue to gather insight and knowledge on matters relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The School Operational Plan (SOP) provide further information on our school's Covid-19 response. More information is also available in guidelines provided by the Western Cape Education department (WCED) and the Department of Basic Education (DBE).



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