



WILLOW ACADEMY

A department of Word of Faith Christian Centre

End of Term 2 Newsletter Foundation Phase

Monday, 27 July 2020

Dear Foundation Phase Parents

As we celebrate completing a very successful – yet unpredictable – second term, I would like to express my gratitude to the Willovian Staff, which includes our awesome teachers, administration staff, sports staff, music teachers and cleaners for going the extra mile. We have managed to phase in additional grades, despite severe restrictions, in order to ensure the continued safety of our learners and staff.

Term 3 schedule

As we are an independent school, our third term will commence on **Monday, 3 August**, as planned.

Dates		
Monday, 3 August	Term 3 starts – learners return to school, continuing with the two group system	Reminder: Group 1 – Mondays and Wednesdays Group 2 – Tuesdays and Thursdays
Monday, 10 August	Public Holiday	School closed
Friday, 18 September	Last day of Term 3	Progress reports to be issued

A message from Mrs van Rensburg

As a result of the uncertain times we find ourselves in, we have had to *rethink and replan our curriculum to best suit our learners*. With the return of some of our learners, we have found significant ‘gaps’ in their education that we would like to work on in order to prepare them for the next grade. Seeing them only twice-weekly is not ideal, but with your continued support we can help the learners to grasp the important concepts.

1. Revision work

In order to ensure that all learners understand and grasp concepts, we will be doing a lot of revision of Term 2 work at the beginning of Term 3. We need parents to concentrate on the basics at home, such as 'Reading, Spelling, Lees, Spel and Counting', so that we can concentrate on the more difficult concepts at school. Please do not underestimate the importance of **reading and counting daily**.

2. Assessments

At the beginning of Term 3, we will be concentrating on teaching, consolidating and revising work, before we begin with the Term 3 assessments. However, Spelling and Spel tests **will still be done**, to ensure that your child is learning their words.

3. Workpacks

We will still be sending out the PDF workpacks via WhatsApp and uploading them to Google Classroom for the learners who are not able to return to school. As most learners will be back at school, we will not be adding extra material or resources to Google Classroom, unless otherwise communicated on the WhatsApp group.

4. Progress report

At the end of Term 3 we will be giving out a progress report, which will not be as detailed as our usual report. This is due to us having to alter our assessments in order to ensure our teaching time is maximized.

5. Progress requirements

At the end of Term 4 the standard report will be issued stating whether your child has met the minimum requirements and can proceed to the next grade. In order to receive a report your child will have to be assessed at school.

6. School attendance

Parents who have committed to sending their children back to school need a valid reason and have to inform their class teacher if they will not be attending school on a certain day. The work that was missed will become the parent's responsibility to catch up. The child will be marked as absent.

7. Stay in contact

Please stay in contact with your class teacher. We are looking forward to a productive Term 3.

Mrs van Rensburg (Head of Phase)

We hope to see all our little ones return to school in the near future. We will keep praying for your safety during this time.

I would like to leave you with the following scripture:

“Tell everyone who is discouraged, Be strong and don’t be afraid! God is coming to your rescue...”

~ Isaiah 35:4

Yours in Spirit and in Truth,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rademeyer".

Mrs C Rademeyer

Principal