



HATFIELD

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Newsletter #28 Friday, 28 August 2020

Dear Parents

I begin this week's newsletter with the prayer that we have prayed for you and our staff this week. It forms part of the prayer that Paul prayed for the Colossians. The emphasis is mine and I have taken the liberty of making some amendments which are in italics.

We are writing to God's holy people at *Hatfield*, who are **faithful brothers and sisters** in Christ. May God our Father give you **grace and peace**. We always pray for you, and **we give thanks** to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **For we know of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people**, which comes from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.... We ask God to give you complete **knowledge** of his will and to give you **spiritual wisdom and understanding**. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, **and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit**. All the while, you will **grow** as you **learn to know God** better and better. We also pray that you will be **strengthened** with all his glorious power so you will have all the **endurance and patience you need**. May you be filled with **joy**, always thanking the Father.

S(HOOL FEES 2021

While we are deeply aware of the stark financial realities facing many families in our school and also of broader economic projections nationally we also have the responsibility to secure the ongoing financial viability of our school.

Following a meeting of the School Council on Wed 26 August and after thorough deliberation, school fees for 2021 will be as follows:

- There will be an increase of the basic fees of R 125 per child per month. This equates to a 2,5% increase in school fees
- There will be no increase in the building fund contributions for 2021.



- There will be a reduction in the re-enrolment deposit for 2021 to R 1000 (as opposed to R 3050 for 2020) As always, this re-enrolment deposit will be refunded in March and would help to offset text book levies.

The School Council and Executive is extremely empathetic to the position in which many find themselves and are doing all that they can to curb additional expenses. While the operating landscape for 2021 is still very uncertain Council has requested that if activities have a cost to parents, we are to cut these where we can and only including those that are essential. The School Executive is in process with their planning for 2021 and have taken cognisance of this request.

	2020	2021
School Fees Gr 000 & 00	R 3 350	R 3 430
School Fees for Gr 0 – 12	R 5 080	R 5 205
Building Fund	R 410	R 410
Aftercare/PS Hive/HS Hive	To be communicated by the end of this term	

CAMPUS / ONLINE (RETURNING TO SCHOOL)

We are fully aware that the Covid pandemic is not over and that things can change at any moment. However, we are ready to make some decisions for the school, within the constraints of current regulations and really hope that these arrangements meet with your approval.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are eager to get pupils back as we feel that it is in their academic, social and emotional interests. In our decision making, we have also factored into account the high degree of parental involvement in the younger grades.

- As communicated to parents earlier in the week, we will be welcoming all Gr 0 - 3 children back for five days a week from 31 August. Our numbers can work, given our current return rate and by moving all lockers and other furniture out of the classrooms. This is a priority because of the high demand on parents at this level. Queries can be mailed to Felicity Barber at fbarber@hatfieldcs.co.za
- We are confident that Senior Primary pupils will be able to return to school five days a week from the beginning of the fourth term (again with some more classroom 'restructuring.'). Queries should be directed to Andrew Bleeker at ableeker@hatfieldcs.co.za

HIGH SCHOOL

The High School situation is more complex as pupils' movements (subject choices etc.) currently make the five day a week campus model not possible, given social distancing and sanitizing constraints. We are also comfortable that the HS is steady and pupils are managing with the hybrid. HS pupils have the remainder of this term and five teaching weeks next term. For these reasons, we have decided to continue with the three days on campus and two online until their exams start. Please direct queries to Tony Pienaar at tpienaar@hatfieldcs.co.za.

JACOBS LADDER

We are currently in consultation with parents and staff and we will make an informed decision soon but we are in preparation for returning five days a week.



SOME GOOD NEWS!

It is a great joy for us to announce that we will be offering isiZulu as a First Additional Language in the future. This will start in the PS and will continue up the school. It will be an alternative to Afrikaans. We are not sure at exactly what grades this will be but hope to give you more details of this in the next two weeks. This decision was made based on the results of the survey completed by parents. We thank you for your input and know that this will be a valuable addition to our subject offering.

(CIVIES / UNIFORM

Our civies season is coming to an end and we will all be going back into uniform from the first day of the fourth term. We will be tightening up on uniform, hair rules etc. The thrift shop will open in the last week of term and details of opening hours are available from the school reception.

AWARDS 2020

We are considering how the awards processes will be this year and have a number of options available to us. Not all awards will be given out this year but we will be honoured to present awards where we are able to. We will communicate in more detail when we know anything.

- In Jacobs Ladder and the PS, we will likely keep graduation / awards dates as diarized but anticipate that these will not take place in the usual format so we are considering alternatives.
- Gr 12 academic awards will be handed out at their valediction (details last week)
- Gr 7 – 11 academic awards will be handed out on the first day school day of 2021. We feel that this year we cannot make these awards without the inclusion of final exam results
- Sport and cultural awards; to be communicated; and only where appropriate to award.

A NOTE FOR HS PARENTS

Should you receive notification from the school about your children's missing work, or about Google Meets being missed, and wish to have more detail, you must please contact the subject teacher directly by email (email addresses in school diary). Also, if your child is unable to submit work or join a Google Meet, for whatever reason, the pupil is expected to notify their teacher as soon as possible.

LAST DAY THIRD TERM: FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

We have decided that the last day of this term will be a full academic day to offer maximum value especially as don't have any special functions or events.

THE RAINY SEASON

The Rainy season is approaching and that will bring challenges to our screening team. On rainy mornings we will have cars coming in single file. Screening will take place in reception and gazebos will be up outside reception to allow pupils to social distance before being let in. Pupils will wait in cars until a points man indicates that they can join the queue. When you drive out, we ask that your phone is on in case your child does have a fever.

RE-ENROLMENT 2021

You will receive re-enrolment forms early next week and they will be self-explanatory. This will be done electronically this year.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parents will be receiving the little slips with their child's photo this coming week. They then need to go onto the Oneills website and log in or create a profile and then order the photos. If they want any of the novelties, then they have to order the package first. No novelties can be bought without buying a package first. The school is not involved in the purchase of any photos, so please do not contact us regarding payment. Also, please do not pay into any school account for these photos. If you need any information, we ask that you make contact with the photographer directly, you will need to have your child's unique photo number on hand. Their website is <https://www.oneills.photography/>

GAME DESIGN COURSE FOR PUPILS

BrighterFuture is offering a game design course in the September holidays. Please please mail Mrs Lewis for the flyer for more information. Briefly:

- open from Gr 6-11
- no coding required
- daily live tutorials (1.5hrs)
- software is free
- best on an i5/i7 processor, i3 will work but be slower
- certificate of completion
- cost is R3000 less R500 for Hatfield students

EXTRA LESSONS

HS extra lessons are starting up again and are arranged by contacting:

- Oom Louw Wessels for Afrikaans - 072 367 6073
- Duard le Roux for Maths - 082 859 3762

TUCKSHOP

Herewith the link for the tuck-shop orders this week: <https://forms.gle/VXu4Yu8YsKonb1PQ8>

A FINAL REQUEST

Please help the flow of traffic in the morning by having your cards / phones ready and luggage in the front seat. Thank you!

Please know that, as always, it is our joy to serve you and we are always available should you have a query or problem.

Kind regards

Graeme Holloway
Executive Principal

