

# Laerskool Bastion Primary School

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Here are the answers to frequently asked questions: 24 March 2021

## Frequently asked questions from Parents

1. Why still A & B groups if other schools are back to normal?
  - Due to Covid regulations, there has to be 1m social distancing between learners in the classes. We cannot manage this due to the class sizes and the available space. Some classes have 38 learners and this will make it impossible to follow the WCED guidelines.
  - There is no perfect solution. If we let the school return to normal, we will have even more complaints about social distancing. It is already difficult enough with just half the school.
  
2. Why did the A group attend an extra day?
  - It didn't matter how we divided up the grouping. If it wasn't the B group it would then have been the A group. It also helped to have skipped the B group on Monday, because the junior and senior phases keep the same days to help with the LO period allocations.
  
3. Why does Bastion not allow contact sport yet?
  - Due to the previous Government Gazette, we haven't received clear guidelines about when full contact may happen. As soon as we are informed, we will inform the Governing Body and decisions will be adjusted.
  
4. When will the length of the school day for juniors return to normal?
  - By next term the Grade 1-3 school day lengths will be adjusted. Information will be forwarded shortly.
  
5. Is the curriculum being covered and is the time enough?
  - The curriculum will be covered as we have enough time due to the extended school terms and shortened holidays. The curriculum will also be sorted according to phases and will work over a 3 year period in which all work is covered. Even though learners spend less time at school, they are receiving more individual attention from Educators due to the class sizes.

6. How many Covid cases have we had this year so far?

- We have had 7 learners that have had to self-isolate (just in case) due to grandparents or parents testing positive for Covid. It thus proves that Bastion's Covid 19 protocols are working and we are doing our utmost to keep the learners safe.

7. How are the educators coping with Covid issues and stress?

- They are doing exceptionally well under the huge pressure. They are positive and really motivated and have adjusted incredibly well to all the changes and demands that the department has placed on them. They have supported every initiative from the Department and Governing Body. The educators are also rarely sick which is absolutely astonishing during these stressful times.