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**NEWSLETTER #2 2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A newsletter was sent out yesterday. Please see the update on school fees and learning.

The Montessori Life team remains committed to continue supporting our learners remotely. We have worked hard to troubleshoot as well as resolve all the issues that have come up during our pack/online experience and will continue to evolve, tweak and adjust our plans throughout this pandemic period.

I remind parents that remaining closed was not a choice made by the school but a directive given by the Government of our country. Should we choose to open the school to face-to-face learning we would in effect, be breaking the law.

**School Fees- Term 1**

The school Board has made the decision to continue with the offered discount for Term 1 of 2021. The discount is as follows:

Pack learners 10%

Online learners 15%

Class teachers will be in contact to note which option you will be following. The discount will be applied to parents that are up to date with fee payments, and those that are managing school payments according to payment arrangements made and signed with the school. Parents that have not made payments and are not up to date with any outstanding amounts will not be able to continue until outstanding amounts are settled. The school office will be in contact with those parents.

**Packs**

Packs will go out on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. The pick-up point is the school car park and it is done in a drive through fashion. Time slots will be posted on class groups. Videos and communication via groups will be sent out in order to support learners. Teachers will also maintain regular contact to assist learners.

**Online**

We officially start classes on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Work will be loaded on to learners' platforms. Google Meet classes will be held daily to support children with loaded work. We ask parents to assist learners in following the school time table to make sure they are able to access their classes and submit their work timeously. These classes are set up in support of what would be face-to-face learning in class and it is, therefore, very important that the learners attend them. We have tried to minimize printing this term and most work can be done online and submitted on the platform. Teachers will be posting videos on how to use the various tools on the platform. Please take some time out of your day to watch these once you have activated the platform.

I know that this is a difficult and uncertain time for all of us. However, we must acknowledge that the home-school partnership is essential to making this a success for all our learners. We thank you all for your continued dedication towards the education of your children. Children that are able to work with some kind of consistency and direction will fare better 'holistically' in these times. Please do not delay in starting the program as staying up to date with the program is far less stressful for learners and parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you need to.

| Kind regards.

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