



Merton International Primary & High School Ltd.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

11th September, 2020.

Dear Parents,

We begin the Advent term of the 2020-2021 Academic Year in very unusual times, with a global pandemic still ongoing, yet we remain eternally grateful to the Lord that he has protected and preserved all of us.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it, abrupt changes to our way of life, as we adjust to a 'new normal', which includes virtual learning to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. Since the middle of March 2020, we have had to move to learning online to ensure that we provide our children with academic stimulation and progression up the educational ladder.

Despite the challenges and the quick adaptations that we all had to make, we were able to successfully navigate with online learning and effectively brought last academic year to a close. This year, we remain hopeful that we will make the best out of the situation until schools are able to physically resume, as we continue to strive for excellence.

We encourage parents to help their children to understand that though lessons are online, this is the beginning of the Academic year and whatever they learn will count towards their continuous assessment marks. It is therefore important that they stick to a routine, wake up on time and be ready for lessons.

Please find below the Term Dates for the Advent Term 2020.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 14th September, 2020	School reopens
Monday 21st September,	Public Holiday (Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day)
Tuesday 22nd September	Dispatch of Curriculum Review Document
Friday 2nd October	Report to Parents
Friday 23rd October	Parent Surveys and feedback sessions
Tuesday 27th October	Cultural Interaction Day



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Wed 28th – Fri 30th October	Half Term Break/Report to Parents
Mon 2nd – Wed 4th November	Half Term Tests
Wed 18th – Fri 20th November	Revision
Mon 23rd Nov Fri 27th November	End of Term Tests
Mon 30th November	Screen Break (No Lessons- A day away from the Computer screen) Rehearsals for Christmas Program & Talent show
Friday 4th December	Public Holiday (Farmers Day)
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Program
Thursday 10th December	Open Day
Friday 11th December	Talent Show (Last day of Advent Term)

Curriculum Focus

Is a Forum for Parents where teachers give a detailed explanation of the content of the curriculum for the Year Group. Teachers will also give guidance to parents to assist their children to achieve the best outcomes.

Virtual Lesson Hours

Lower Primary will have a total of 5 sessions per day with 20 hours of lessons per week. Lessons will begin at 9am and end at 2pm with breaks in between for Lower Primary.

Upper Primary will have a total 5 sessions from Monday to Wednesday and 4 sessions each on Thursdays and Fridays, making a total of 23 hours of lesson per week. Lessons for Upper Primary will be from 8am to 3pm with breaks in between.

A detailed timetable will follow.

Exercise and Textbook

Exercise books and textbooks for the Primary will be issued on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 15th September. Please contact the Headteacher for the Primary if you do not receive books for your child.

Admin Office Hours



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The Admin Office will be open from 8am to 4pm Mondays to Fridays. Please note that all visitors to the School will be required to observe all COVID-19 safety protocols.

School Fees

Parents are reminded that the maximum period for payment is one month after re-opening, after which the 10% penalty for late payment will be applied.

We strongly encourage you to make use of digital payment options where possible through the School's account details:

Bank: Stanbic Bank, Achimota Mall Branch

Account Name: Merton International School

Account Number: 9040007554073 (Cedi).

Please send in your pay-in slip via WhatsApp to the following numbers: 050-140-1038 or 050-145-4494 to enable us confirm your payment.

It is important to state the name of the child for whom payment is being made at the bank, as it is otherwise difficult to obtain the needed information to issue a receipt. In this regard, parents who have made payments at the bank and have not been issued a receipt should please send their pay-in slips via the numbers stated above, giving the details of the child or visit the Accounts office with the pay-in-slip for a receipt to be issued. We trust that you will cooperate with us to prevent parents been sent reminders even though payments may have already been made.

We look forward to a great 2020-2021 Academic Year and continue to pray for the grace and mercies of God to see us through these unusual times. Surely, we will all come out safe and secure with our families, to tell the story of the goodness of the Lord to us in this year 2020. We trust that soon, the Merton community will be able to meet physically, as we continue in our partnership to provide our children with excellent outcomes in their educational journey.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

E.M. Baitie. (Mrs)

CEO.