

# Goldridge Primary School



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**Term I – 2021 First Update**

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## Dear Parents/Guardians

Compliments of the New Season dear parents and guardians! I hope and trust that you had a peaceful and enjoyable Festive holiday. A very special welcome to our new parents and guardians. Thank you for choosing Goldridge Primary as your school of choice. I wish the new parents an enjoyable and rewarding stay at Goldridge.

A very warm welcome also to the new staff members who joined us this year namely, Ms T. Jena and Mr C. Chipunza

## CLASS ALLOCATION

Below are the names of staff and their classes:-

<b>ECD-A</b>	Mrs Joseph	&	Ms J. Staal
<b>ECD-B</b>	Ms S. Tickle		
<b>Grade 1</b>	Mrs C. Tandabani	&	Mrs J. Matariro
<b>Grade 2</b>	Mrs R. Nhakwi	&	Ms T. Sagomba
<b>Grade 3</b>	Mrs A. Mapwashike	&	Mrs M. Phiri
<b>Grade 4</b>	Mrs O. Chimuka	&	Ms T. Jena (new tr)
<b>Grade 5</b>	Mr. J. Munodawafa	&	Mr S. Mrewa
<b>Grade 6</b>	Mrs M. Maredza	&	Mr. C. Chipunza (new tr)
<b>Grade 7</b>	Ms J. Mapfumo	&	Mrs N. Knight

## HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

- Mrs J. Matariro – ECD, Grade 1 and 2
- Ms J Mapfumo – Grade 3 and 4
- Mrs M. Maredza(DH) – Grade 5, 6 and 7

## ORIENTATION FOR NEW PARENTS AND STUDENTS

This is a very important event for the New Parents and students. In adherence to COVID-19 protocols of avoiding gatherings, this event will be on the virtual platform. It will be conducted on Microsoft Teams on a date to be advised. Do make every effort to join the Orientation parents.

## THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE PROGRESS CENTRE

As educationists, we noted with concern, that some of our students are struggling with their academics hence the reinstatement of this centre. Pupils from Grade 3 – 6, who would have missed out on certain concepts, would be referred by their class teachers to the Progress Centre for remediation. This will be at most for an hour a day then the students go back into the mainstream. We do have a specialist teacher Mrs M. Phiri, who studied, "Special Needs". Our students will therefore benefit from her skills. A few benefits that can be derived from the Progress Centre/Remedial teaching are thus;

- Learners focus on their challenges
- Learners grow comfortably seeking help
- Helps to match learners with teachers who understand them better
- Builds confidence and self esteem and

- Prepares students for life-long success.

The Progress Centre will be effected when students are back at the physical school. In the meantime, Mrs Phiri will work together with the new teacher who will eventually take over the Grade 3 class when she commences teaching at the Progress Centre.

## GOLDRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NOW A REGISTERED CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL

On the 18/12/2020, the school received communication and a certificate of registration confirming that we are now a certified Cambridge Centre. We now await the Cambridge plaque. The first group of students to sit the Checkpoint exams are the current Grade 6 students. We are really looking forward to this and indeed excited to have joined the Global Cambridge Community.

## GRADE 7 PREFECTS LEADERSHIP COURSE

Parents of the 2021 Prefects will be informed most probably after the Lockdown.

## READING

We cannot overemphasize the importance of this crucial area in children's learning. Reading is the cornerstone of ALL learning hence should be a daily activity. Teachers will upload reading pages for the students, do listen to their reading daily.

## PAYMENT OF FEES

We appeal to you parents to pay fees on time. If you need a payment plan do contact the office through emails.

## COVID 19 PANDEMIC

The new wave of the lethal virus could have dire consequences for the country as well as our schools. It must be borne in mind by parents, staff and students that COVID-19 is still with us and that we need to continue to intensify our efforts to ensure all protocols are observed. Lets conscientize all those in our social circles especially our children to adhere to the WHO Guidelines namely;

- Wearing of masks
- Social distancing
- Sanitization and where possible
- Stay at home

Finally, parents and guardians, I would like to wish you a blessed and prosperous 2021

God bless

**Mrs M. Bera**  
(SCHOOL HEAD)

**8 January 2021**