

NET VIR PRET

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No mask, No entry

At Net Vir Pret we are sticking to the rules that were set out to protect us from this pandemic. Children are not allowed to enter our centre without a mask. If a child doesn't have a mask we are able to supply one. This is not only for the safety of our personnel and other children, but also to emphasize that this virus is not a joke and lives could be lost if we don't behave carefully.

Sanitizing

We deep clean all surfaces in the centre in the mornings before the children arrive and repeat the process again in the late afternoon when the children have gone home. Every child has to wash hands on arrival and again before being fed

Temperatures

One of the guidelines is the constant checking of body temperature. Staff and Interns are routinely checked when they arrive in the morning. For children under the age of 12, we allow a body temperature of up to 36 degrees and 38 degrees for children older than 12 years.

Social Distancing

We have marked out areas so that everyone can maintain a safe social distance. Social distancing is one of the main ways to prevent the virus from spreading. All the marked out areas are 1,5 meters apart.



Welcome back!

With the lockdown lifted to level 2, Net Vir Pret was able to open up the centre for youngsters to return and participate in our different programs. With strict health and safety measures, we can admit up to 50 children a day. The following programs are in place: 1) After care; 2) Arts and craft; 3) Music; 4) Pottery; 5) Riel dance; 6) Homework club; 7) Biking; 8) Eco Warriors.

We allocate the 50 children to these programs with our focus on social distancing. Word from our Director: "It brought tears to my eyes to see all the children coming back to Net Vir Pret. You could clearly see how much they've missed the centre with all the smiles on their faces. Although lockdown is currently a dark time, we are still able to bring hope to the young ones."





Plans for 2020

Because of COVID-19 we realize that our December puppet show and parade will not be able to follow the usual format. We will not be able to gather in a huge crowd to watch a performance with 150 performers. What are the changes?

- This year we are commemorating the 10 years of shows that lie behind us by reviving some of the puppets from past shows.
- These puppets are going to take part in Pop Up Performances at different sites in Barrydale. These performances will also be available online
- We are also embarking on a project which aims to lift the spirits of the community by erecting Prayer Flags across the village on the theme of Hope.
- In addition we are producing a CD which captures all the original songs from past shows which will also be available online.

Over the years our interns have collected oral history stories from old people in our village in which they tell about life in the old days. This fascinating material has been translated into English by Leslie Howard and the stories have been illustrated by our craft tutor Cherie Dirksen. Our hope is to publish these stories in a bilingual publication by the end of the year.

Women in Power

In the month of August, we showed our appreciation to all the women who played a big role in our centre. At Net Vir Pret we aim to empower women on many levels. Sudonia Kouter led our team in the difficult and complicated task of putting all the safety measures in place. She also started to run the Girls Only program again where she teaches them life skills. Clarisa Jonas and her team of Interns, Sylvinia Jambo, Hazlin Fortuin and Nicole Kortje, kept busy producing masks for distribution in the community and have produced 2000 to date. Samantha Takelo produced soup during the lockdown for 50 needy families on a daily basis and now with the opening of the centre, she is responsible for making sure that every child receives a meal



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