

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“In today’s world there is no such thing as “winning and losing” but rather “winning and learning only.” Unknown

TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL:

We would appreciate the co-operation of all parents with regard to children's attendance at school. The South African Schools' Act states that children need to be at school for the full day on all school days. Please note that these absences are entered on the child's profile and report which are official documents.

If children are taken out of school before the end of term to go on holiday or for any other reason, it is the responsibility of the child to catch up all the work missed. Under these circumstances, work cannot be sent home and the teachers are not responsible for any work which is missed.

ABSENCE:

If your child is absent for the day, please send a letter to the educator on his/her return stating the nature of the absence (e.g. illness, domestic problem etc). A doctor's certificate is needed if children are absent for 3 or more days. Please let the educator know if you child will be off for 3 or more days. **A doctor's certificate is required if your child misses a cycle test, an exam or any formal assessment.**

No. Of Days Absent	Plan of Action by Parent	Plan of Action by School
1 to 2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian detailing the reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Parent/Guardian to call the school secretary to relay the message to the class educator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. School awaits for the learner to return or await a phone call by the parent/guardian to inform us of absenteeism.
3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School secretary/class educator to telephone parents to find out why learner is absent.
4 to 9 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grade Head or Head of Department will call the parent/guardian to query the absenteeism. If Necessary the school will contact Social Services/District office or relevant authority.
10 days and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guardian must inform the school about the absenteeism. Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the school has not received any information pertaining to the learner's absence, then an automatic de-registration of the learner will occur.

CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE WAITING AREA:

Parents, please be aware that too many children are being left unattended in the waiting area long after school has ended. Please ensure that from now on you collect your child timeously.

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES:

We believe that the heavy traffic congestion at the moment is the reason learners are arriving late at school in the mornings. We would suggest that those families, who have greater distances to travel, should make an earlier start. Please have your children at school on time. A good, quiet start to the day is essential and can only be achieved when a steady routine becomes habit. Children, who arrive at school early, are expected to wait quietly until the bell rings; no ball games may be played before school. The ideal is to arrive between **07:15** and **07:35**. Punctuality is important. Please help us to instil this life skill into your child.

ROAD SAFETY:

Parents, please help us to keep your children safe by reinforcing the rules of the road with them and please drive and park considerately at all times.

START THE DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST:

It appears that many children do have a good breakfast which is essential to growing children. However, there are a number of children who eat or drink next to nothing at the start of the day.

RELOCATION:

This is an important notice for all parents whose children are leaving South Africa to go to a school in another country.

- 1 The parents must get the transfer card with a school stamp on it.
- 2 The parents then take the transfer card to Johannesburg East District, (See Cosmos Zisongo at the District or contact him on (011) 666-9206.)
- 3 The District Office verifies the information with the school.
- 4 After verification, the District Office issues a letter to the National Department of Education.
- 5 The parents take the letter to the National Department of Education in Pretoria.
- 6 From the National Department of Education, the parents will then go to the Department of Home Affairs to finalise the process.

DISCIPLINE:

The staff of our school work hard at maintaining the fine standard of discipline and behaviour. However, there is always room for further improvement. Without discipline and in particular the level of obedience to instructions, neither teaching nor learning can be efficiently implemented.

Please encourage your children accordingly.

- 1 Talking whilst a teacher or an adult/parent is talking is unacceptable.
- 2 Listening to and obeying instructions is the norm.
- 3 Insubordination (defying instructions/discipline) is unacceptable, as are bad manners, cheekiness, rudeness and poor attitude.
- 4 Movement through the school is expected to be quiet and orderly.

DELIVERIES OF FOOD/STATIONERY/PROJECTS:

Food, stationery and projects for learners are constantly being brought to the School Office. As stated in previous newsletters, only spectacles and medication will, in future, be passed on to learners. We reiterate that a nourishing, home packed school lunch should be sent daily with your child to school. He/she should also remember all his/her books, stationery and projects every day. We cannot call children down to the office to collect items.

RETURN OF BADGES:

Parents are please to ensure that if their child receives a Top Ten Academic Badge or a coloured Merit Badge, the original badge must be returned to the School Office before the next badge can be awarded to him or her.

PRIZES:

Are there any parents who are able to source prizes for us to use for our various competitions? If you are able to assist us with items (large or small) for children or adults, we would be delighted. Please be kind enough to send these items to the School Office marked 'For Attention Mr Driver'. Please ensure that you include your name, so we can acknowledge your contribution in our school newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY:

There are still a large number of items of clothing in the Lost Property Box. Parents and children are asked to please check the box before the end of every week. Items not labelled or claimed are washed and ironed during the holidays and then given to the Second-Hand Shop to sell. Please speak to Miss Paulina Dhladhla with regards to any queries you might have.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS:

At times we experience a few problems and ask for your assistance in solving them.

Educators and Admin Staff find that it is often difficult to contact parents, whether it is for fetching sick children or inviting parents to assemblies or interviews.

If you have changed telephone numbers for work, home or cell phones this year, please put this in writing to the School Office, or telephone (011) 615-7328 with the details.

A few learners are wearing items of uniform that belong to other children.

- 1 Label all items clearly with your child's name.
- 2 Regularly check that the clothing your child is wearing belongs to him /her.
Please return incorrect items to the child concerned or to the lost property box.

FAIR WARNING:

The school cannot take responsibility for any money or valuable possessions brought to the school. Cell phones, expensive watches, costly shoes, sports equipment, jewellery, electronic toys and gadgets are not permitted.

DATES TO DIARISE:

***GRADE 7 EMS
MARKET DAY***
30 August 2024

BLOOD DRIVE
09 September 2024
13h00 to 15h00

***Grade R to 7
Athletics Day***
31 August 2024

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal

Sign

13-8-2024

Date

Respect A Woman Because

You can feel her INNOCENCE in the form of a daughter
 You can feel her CARE in the form of a sister
 You can feel her WARMTH in the form of a friend
 You can feel her PASSION in the form of a beloved
 You can feel her DEDICATION in the form of a wife
 You can feel her DIVINITY in the form of a mother
 You can feel her BLESSING in the form of a grandmother
 Yet she is so TOUGH too
 Her heart is so TENDER... So NAUGHTY... So CHARMING..
 So SHARING... So MELODIUS... She is a WOMAN..
 And She is LIFE!!!

“To all the wonderful women,
hope you won't forget how special you are...”



THERE IS NO PLACE FOR A BULLY IN OUR SCHOOL:

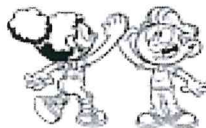
1. We have the right to feel safe in our school.

2. We have the right to be here. The school

belongs to everyone, INCLUDING YOU & ME!

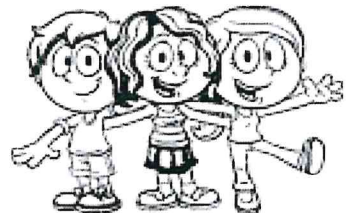


3. We have the right to be ourselves, whether we are alike or different from others.



4. We have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect.

5. We have the right to belong and find friendship.



7. We have the right to learn... IN OUR OWN WAY!

8. If your body or feelings are being hurt, we have the right to know:

HOW... WHEN... WHERE... WHO... to ask for help.

9. We have the right to keep asking for help...

UNTIL IT STOPS!



10. We have the RESPONSIBILITY to make sure of what WE do and say.



RESPECT EVERY OTHER PERSON'S RIGHTS!

8 August 2024

Dear Grade 7 Parents

IMPORTANT COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE MEETING

There will be an important meeting held for ALL Grade 7 parents next week with regard to School Fee Payments, High School Placements, Grade 7 Farewell and other pertinent discussions regarding your children.

Details as follows:-

Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024

Time: 18h00

Venue: LRS Hall

Please make every endeavour to attend this crucial meeting. Parents who do not attend for any reason, must please send an email of explanation to Mr Driver on principal@lrschool.co.za.



Learners of parents who attend will receive a free civvies on Friday, 16 August 2024.



Mr KWM Driver

Principal

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