



Dear Parents / Guardians

We are looking forward to welcoming your child in our Grade R class. We trust that he/she will experience a meaningful time with us and become part of our large, happy family.

We would like to bring the following matters for 2020 to your attention.

1. We invite you and your child to our Gr. R Orientation Day on **Saturday, 14 September 2019** from 09:00 – 10:00. We will start in the school hall where our principal, Mr Harmse will address the new Gr. R pupils and their parents/guardians. Thereafter everybody will move down to the Gr. R building to meet the Gr. R teachers in their classrooms.

Please take note: During our Orientation Day, you will have the opportunity to order and pay for a Grade R T-shirt. **Orders can only be made once we have received payment.** Please remember that during the second and third term your child(ren) will have the opportunity to participate in sport and we are of the opinion that it will be better to order two T-shirts. A T-shirt costs R120.

You will also be able to purchase the **compulsory long sleeve material art apron** at a cost of R120 each.

2. School will start at 08:00 on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.
3. School hours: 08:00 till 13:00 (**12:00 until 31 January**). Pupils must please be at school by 08:00 and fetched at 13:00 sharp. A responsible person must fetch pupils from **INSIDE** the Gr. R premises. If a different person has to fetch a pupil, we must be informed about it in writing. Grade R teachers also teach senior pupils and have other responsibilities after 13:00 and therefore cannot be held responsible for the care of the Gr. Rs after their official class hours. Please take note that the school closes at 12:50 on a Friday.
4. We invite your child to come and meet the Gr. R teachers on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 at 09:00. We find that the pupils face their first day at school with more confidence once they have become familiar with their new environment and have met their teacher. The visit will last for about 30 minutes.

Please take note that only the pupils may attend. Parents/guardians should please wait outside.

5. Pupils should wear old clothes to school as we often do messy projects which may spoil their clothes.
6. Parents/guardians must please mark all clothes (including shoes), school bags, lunch boxes (lids as well) etc. Rubber sandals could be marked on the sides.
7. Pupils must please not bring any toys to school. We accept no responsibility for lost toys.
8. All money sent to school must please be **the correct amount** put in an envelope or ziploc bag clearly marked with the name of your child, name of the teacher, amount inside and what it is for.
9. Pupils may bring something sweet to school on Fridays. On all the other days we would like them to eat healthy food e.g. a sandwich, fresh fruit, dry wors, fruit sticks, cheese, raisins, etc. By doing so, we encourage and install healthy eating habits.

10. Friday is "cookie" day. Each parent/guardian will get a turn or two to bake cakes or send a treat. The money raised in this way will be spent on those extra, unplanned expenses. Cookie money is paid in one amount of R50 at the beginning of the year.
11. **You must please inform us in writing if your child is on medication.**
If you want the teacher to give medicine to your child, you need to give written permission in the message book (time and dosage).
12. Sick pupils should rather be kept at home till they have recovered fully.
13. Excursions form a valuable part of our curriculum and parents/guardians will be notified of details in advance.

The following articles are a necessity.

1. **A large enough school bag (minimum size 38cm x 30cm), without wheels, for a child's personal belongings (tackies, tracksuit, book, extra clothes, lunch etc).** Please see attached information in connection with the Lorraine school bags.
2. A compulsory stationery pack will be available at Trink Consumables, 61 Newton Street, Newton Park from 1 November 2019. This pack will contain all the necessary items of stationery for the year. The cost will be R250. The contact person there is Kirsty Daniels (041 3657791).

Once you have purchased the pack, please cover the hard cover book with paper of your choice and plastic. Remember to write your child's name clearly on the front cover. We use it to communicate letters and notices to you.

All crayons should be marked individually using sticky tape or name stickers and kept in the original pack.

Please send the complete pack to school when your child meets his/her teacher on 14 January 2020.

3. 1 box of tissues, 1 packet paper plates, 1 scouring sponge, 1 roll of paper toweling and a liquid hand wash.
4. A **small**, clearly marked cushion.
5. It will be appreciated if you could collect the following items for us:
 - ice-cream sticks
 - small polystyrene containers
 - small boxes e.g. toothpaste, pill, soup
 - scrap paper for drawings
 - **newspaper**
 - material off-cuts, large enough to re-use
 - x-rays

Kind Gr. R regards

GRADE R TEACHERS

2019-08-01


J. HARMSE
PRINCIPAL