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Dear Parents

I trust you are in good health and enjoying the nice autumn weather.

LATECOMERS

We still have many learners who are late for school every day. School starts at 7:15 and our first academic period already starts at 7:30. Our educators cannot keep repeating lessons for all the latecomers. It remains your responsibility as the parent to ensure your child is on time for school. Kindly assist in this regard.

ASSESSMENTS AND UPCOMING EXAMS

In the foundation phase, learners are continuously assessed. Please ensure your child is at school every day so that they do not miss any revision of the work done, to do their best during the assessments. We will assess learners up until 28 March.

Exams for our grade 4 to 7 learners start on 17 March. Learners will write their exam papers after the register period. If learners are **late for school, they cannot enter the classroom** and disturb the learners who are already busy writing. As a result, **they will unfortunately miss the examination**.

Learners will write their last exam paper on 28 March, when we close for the short school holiday at 10:00. The timetable for the examination is available on the D6 Connect app for ease of reference. Learners also received a hard copy of the timetable. Grade 7 parents, kindly note that learners will be kept after school to catch up on their classwork from tomorrow if all of their work is not up to date in their books.

STAFF MATTERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Mrs Oosthuizen is currently on maternity leave, and therefore, she is not available for any enquiries. Please contact us via WhatsApp on 060 975 6697, or our landline, 012 561 3007 for any enquires. Remember to update these contact details on your phone. If you are not on any of our WhatsApp groups (the main community group and your child's class group), please send a message to the WhatsApp number so we can add you.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Human Rights Day is on 21 March, a public holiday, and we will be closed. We will close for the upcoming school holiday on 28 March at 10:00, after learners write their last paper. We will reopen on 8 April at 6:30. The April school holiday is split into two, and since we follow the same school calendar as the government schools, we will also be closed during the week of 29 April - 2 May.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Report cards will be available for collection during the parent-teacher meeting on 15 April from 15:30 until 18:30 to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Please keep this date open as we will only be available on this date.

UNIFORM

As with any other school, it is expected that learners take pride in their school uniform. We conducted a general uniform inspection today and many of the learners are not wearing the correct uniform. For example, learners wear torn jerseys, shirts, pants, socks, and unpolished shoes. Their uniform is too small, they are already wearing their winter uniform, and they wear their Friday uniform on any day of the week with PE shorts/jeans and tekkies (grade 1 to 7), instead of formal uniform with black school shoes.

If your child's uniform is too small or no longer looks presentable, please replace the items. Below is a summary of our school uniform. They can start wearing their winter uniform towards the end of autumn, from 5 May this year. They can then start wearing their summer uniform again in spring, on 2 September. Learners will be made aware if they are not wearing the correct uniform or if their uniform is not up to standard.

Grade RRR, RR, and R learners		Grade 1 to 7 learners	
	<u>Summer:</u> Red school golfer, red active shorts, red school jersey, grey school socks, and jeans and tekkies.	<u>Summer:</u> Red school shirt, grey school shorts for boys, grey school skort for girls, grey long school socks for boys, grey short school socks for girls, black school shoes, red school jersey, red school pullover, red school golfer only on Fridays/sports days, red or grey active short on Fridays/sports days, tekkies a Fridays/sports days, jeans on Fridays.	<u>Winter:</u> Red shirt with a vest underneath, with our black school tracksuit top and pants with leggings underneath. Long grey school pants for boys/girls are allowed. Grey, red or black scarf, gloves, beanie (no logos) are allowed.
	<u>Winter:</u> Red school golfer with a vest underneath, school jersey, grey long school socks, tekkies, black school tracksuit top, and pants with leggings underneath. Grey, red, or black scarf, gloves, and beanie (no logos) are allowed.		
The above logo is on our shirts, jerseys, pullovers and tracksuit top			

LOST-AND-FOUND

Please mark all your child's belongings clearly and teach them to take care of them. If your child loses items at school, we return them if we can identify the rightful owner. If not, it is placed in the lost-and-found box where your child can search for their lost items.

GENERAL HYGIENE AND APPEARANCE

It is embarrassing that we must remind parents that their children must bathe every day, brush their teeth in the mornings and always have a clean and neat appearance. All learners must wear a clean uniform every day, which includes shiny polished shoes. A neat appearance includes short and clean fingernails, without any nail polish. Our girls are allowed to wear braids, but no beads or extravagant styles, please. Hair must not hang in their face; loose braided strands are a disturbance when they do their classwork. Our boys are not allowed to wear braids, their hair must be cut short and always kept tidy.

As learners enter their adolescence stage, they become very self-conscious, so please let them use deodorant. Allow your girl child to wear a bra to school. Please teach your girl child how to use sanitary products properly and how to dispose of them. We have a sensitive septic system which means that only toilet paper can be flushed down. We have sanitary bins in the bathroom, please teach your girl child how to wrap the product in toilet paper and dispose of it in the bins provided and not throw it on the floor or flush it down the toilet. The septic system cannot accommodate any foreign products or wet wipes, it blocks up the system and unblocking it is very costly.

VANDALISM

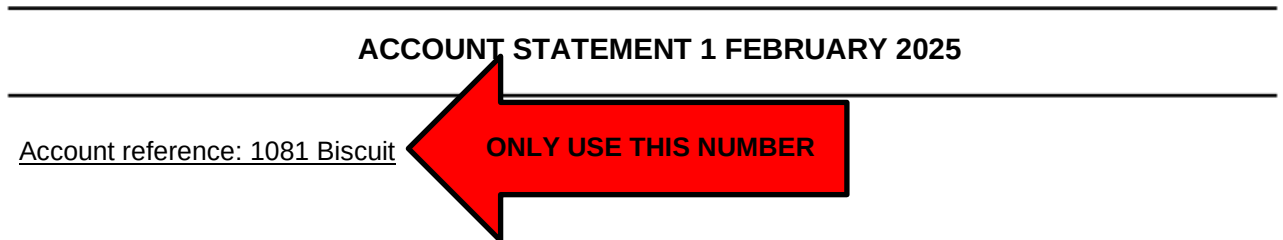
It is concerning that learners do not respect school property. They write all sorts of words on the bathroom and classroom walls, break brooms and dustpans, break toilet seats and handles, throw toilet paper on the ceilings and floors, and even do their business on the bathroom floor. They break their chairs, damage their tables, and damage or break the property of other learners. If your child is found guilty of such an offence, you will be held liable to replace the items, they will be subject to a disciplinary hearing, and they may face expulsion.

ARREAR ACCOUNTS

We have an unprecedented number of parents who are not paying school fees on time. We are honouring our part of the agreement by providing an educational service to your child. In return, you are obligated to pay for this service. If your account is in arrears, please bring it up to date immediately to avoid the suspension of our service. We kindly ask that you prioritize your child's school fees to ensure that commitments are honoured.

ACCOUNT PAYMENT REFERENCE

Lastly, PLEASE use the incorrect reference number when making payments as this ensures the correct allocation of payments made. You can update the beneficiary details on your banking app according to the correct account reference number which reflects on your account statements. Example ONLY:



Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Crause'.

R Crause (Ms)

Director: Haakdoorn Academy