



3 February 2026      Circular 2/2026

Dear Parents

Term 1 is off to a great start, with learners quickly adapting to their new routines.

## FEEDBACK - MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

We would like to thank all parents who took the time to meet with their child's teacher on 29 January 2026. Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to a successful academic year ahead. We also sincerely thank you for the positive feedback and compliments received regarding the school's upgrades and overall performance. Your continued support makes these achievements possible.

## HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Due to the current hot weather conditions, learners may attend school without jerseys. Please ensure that they bring their water bottles to remain well hydrated throughout the day. During break times, learners may sit in the shaded areas around the school premises or play on the playground. We also encourage the application of sunscreen and the wearing of a hat to protect learners from the sun (preferably red or grey without any logo's on to blend in with the school's colour scheme).

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

As communicated last year and in our information brochure, all additional items were required to be sent to school by 16 January 2026. We note that several items remain outstanding. Kindly ensure that all outstanding items are submitted to the school by **6 February 2026**.

The additional items are as follows:

Additional Item	Grades RRR, RR, R, 1, 2 and 3	Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7
1 x 500ml Liquid hand soap	x	x
1 x air freshener	x	x
1 x empty 2l ice-cream container	x	x
12 x single-ply toilet paper rolls	x	x
1 x plastic apron/old adult T-shirt	x	x
2 x tissue box (200)	x	x
Soccer ball (not plastic type)	x	N/A
1 x orange dust cloth	x	N/A

## REGULAR LATE ARRIVAL

School strictly starts at 07:15. School hours are from 07:15 to 14:00 (Monday to Thursday) and 07:15 to 13:10 (Fridays). The first academic period begins promptly at 07:30. Learners who

arrive late miss valuable instructional time and are unable to recover missed work. Educators are not able to repeat lessons for learners who arrive late on a regular basis. Parents are therefore requested to ensure that learners arrive at school on time. Please respect the school hours and plan your day accordingly.

### STAFF MATTERS – INTERMEDIATE PHASE

Mrs Simango assisted as a relief educator until 30 January 2026. We are delighted to welcome Ms Basetsana Sehoshhe to the Haakies team as our permanent Social Sciences, Life Skills, and Life Orientation educator in the Intermediate Phase. We look forward to the positive contribution she will make to our learners and school community.

### ACCOUNT PAYMENT REFERENCE

Parents are reminded that it is **mandatory** to use the **correct account reference number** when making any payments to the school. Beneficiary details must be updated to reflect the unique reference number allocated to your account.

The school continues to receive payments with incorrect or incomplete references. Such payments **cannot be allocated** to the correct account and may result in delays, misallocations, or balances reflecting as outstanding.

The correct reference number appears on the **left-hand side of your statement**, under the heading “ACCOUNT STATEMENT ON ... 2026”. This reference **must be entered exactly** in the “Beneficiary Reference” field on your banking application.

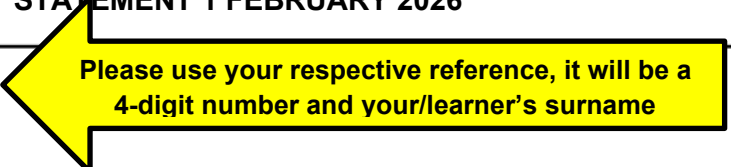
Strict adherence to this requirement is essential to ensure accurate, timeous, and compliant financial record-keeping in accordance with the school’s finance policy.

#### Example ONLY:

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**ACCOUNT STATEMENT 1 FEBRUARY 2026**

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<u><b>Account reference: 1081 Grape</b></u>	 <p><b>Please use your respective reference, it will be a 4-digit number and your/learner's surname</b></p>
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### REMINDER - COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

The school’s primary method of communication with parents is the d6 Connect app. Parents are therefore requested to download and install the d6 Connect app and join the Haakdoorn Academy community to ensure that important notices and updates are not missed. Registration must be completed using the cellphone number that is recorded on the school’s system.

In an effort to reduce paper usage, the school has also commenced emailing account statements to parents. Should you not yet have received an account statement via email, we may not have the correct email address on record. Kindly submit your email address details via WhatsApp to 060 975 6697 with the message “*Please update my email address*”, together with your child’s name and surname or account reference number, to enable us to update our records.

Limited communication will continue to be sent via the school's WhatsApp community group; however, this will be restricted to specific matters only, such as requests to identify payments where incorrect references have been used.

**VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATION – 13 FEBRUARY 2026**

We are planning a water party for all our learners on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. More details to follow soon.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Crause', written in a cursive style.

R Crause (Ms)

Director: Haakdoorn Academy