

RUACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

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Mission and Vision Statements

Vision: “Aspiring, Believing” and “Achieving”

Striving for quality teaching and learning foundation to nurture well-balanced children and position them to live with dignity, and attain their full potential.

Mission Statement

To provide affordable, quality education with extensive learner support in academics, social, spiritual and emotional wellbeing with a provision to ensure that on completion of their time with Ruach our learners are equipped with diverse contributing ethos as resilient young adult and equipped to contribute positively to higher learning and society.

VIRTUES

- Hope
- Courage
- Respect
- Truth
- Honor

ACADEMICS

LANGUAGES

Ruach Primary School is an English Medium School, offering English as the language of instruction for children from Grade 1 to Grade 3. The first additional language is Afrikaans and is introduced from grade 1. IsiZulu is the second additional language and is also taught at the school from Grade R.

CURRICULUM

The school has established a fine reputation for its academic standards, and the staff is dedicated to providing a high standard of foundation phase education based on the Curriculum and Assessment Policy document (CAPS). Our learning programmes are innovative, well structured, cover the required learning areas and are child centred. We encourage co-operative learning in order to develop the child holistically. We have an assertive discipline approach which is based on positive reinforcement. Once a week a child from every class is awarded the "I did my best" badge for any particular effort they may have made. These are handed out in assembly and worn for the week. Once a term one child from every class is invited to have tea with the principal as a way of reinforcing appropriate behaviour and work ethic. We aim to a holistic development and catch them doing it right'.

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment is used to emphasize the importance of maintaining steady effort in each child's work throughout the year. Formal assessments are also undertaken during the course of the term. Both these types of assessment are used to compile the termly reports.

HOMEWORK GRADES ONE TO THREE

We focus on oral homework only at this age. All learners are given a small amount of homework from Monday to Thursday. Prepared reading is set as homework to consolidate the work done in the class. Your interest and co-operation is of inestimable value and we ask you to encourage your child to proudly read their book aloud to you followed by any further homework that has been set. Homework is designed to consolidate the reading, bonds and tables done at school and is not designed to take up a large part of the afternoon.

EXPLORER SESSIONS AND ON-SITE EDUCATIONAL SHOWS

We have a well-structured outing programme for grades, 1 and 2 where children are given an opportunity to discover, reinforce and develop the knowledge gained from their theme based learning programmes. In Grade 3 the children participate in an overnight outdoor adventure programme.

Educational shows are regularly provided on our campus to enrich children's understanding of the curriculum. We have for a start 2 a month of these shows booked for 2021! This excludes the off-site Explorer Sessions.

SCHOOL HOURS Monday-Thursday

Assembly: Monday and Thursday	07:30 – 08:00
First session	08:00 – 10:00
Play / break time	10:10 – 10:30
Second session	10:30 - 12:30(12:15 Gr 1)
Lunch	12:30 – 12:50
Last session (Grade 3 only)	12:50 - 13:50
Extra-murals Grade 3	13:50 - 14:50
Extra-murals Grade 1 and 2	12:50 - 13:50

Grades 3 up leaves at 12:30 on a Friday.

Grade 1 and 2 leaves at 12:15 every day.

SCHOOL FEES

Ruach Primary is a fee-paying school. The Governing Body levies a school fee to pay for teachers, insurance, purchase of teaching aids as well as maintenance of buildings, .

- Fees is R1000per month for Jan 2021 and
- R200 per year registration fee

being ill or injured at school, parents will be contacted. The continued updating of personal particulars is vitally important to enable us to contact you when your child is ill or injured.

INTERVIEWS

Parents are afforded every opportunity to meet the Principal and teachers in various functions held throughout the year. During the second and fourth terms Parents are invited, along with their child, to join us for the traditional Books reading. In the first and third term you will be invited in to an individual interview. You are, however, always welcome to make an appointment any time with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress.

COMMITTEES

Parents are encouraged to assist us by offering to help out on the various committees at school. In this way you can become a fully integrated member of Ruach Primary School. Some of the committees which you can join are fundraising, catering, maintenance, caring committee, safety and security, recycling and media centre.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Health and Safety Committee meets regularly and its aim is to ensure the safety of children, staff and property at all times. The children and staff practice Emergency Drill procedures once a term. All parents are requested to uphold all safety rules and traffic regulations in the vicinity of the school and are welcome to inform us of any concerns they may have.

Please note the school is a smoke free zone!

COMMUNICATION

You will receive regular communication from the school on the web based school COMMUNICATOR or newsletters with reminders of up-and-coming events and information. The teachers often place reminders in the children's homework notebook and you are required to sign acknowledgment thereof. Newsletters are also posted up on the School Communicator once a month to keep you abreast of all the school happenings. Each class has a WhatsApp group that you are encouraged to join. Teacher emails are posted up on the Communicator for your convenience.

MESSAGES

Parents are to please make all necessary arrangements with their children prior to arrival at school. Only in emergency situations will the secretaries convey messages. Lunch, sports kits etc. brought to school by parents must be handed in at the office. Please do NOT go to the classrooms during teaching time and interrupt lessons.

LOST PROPERTY

This can be found in the sickroom. Please take time to mark your child's belongings as we can then just return them directly to your child. We do not take responsibility for unmarked items of clothing.

PRIVATE EXTRA-MURALS

As a service to parents we have many private extra-murals that are offered at your own cost on the school premises after school. These include: swimming, Modern Dancing, Ballet, Music (recorder, guitar and piano), Tennis, Fun Science Club, Soccer Academy, Steps netball and Karate.

AFTER CARE

An aftercare centre operates at the school. If parents are unable to collect their children timeously after school, we ask that you book them in to our Aftercare so that they can be supervised.

Yours in education

Principal