



Good day, parents and legal guardians.

I trust you are well and blessed.

Moving forward, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. **Continuous Assessments:** We are currently busy with formal continuous assessments (Physical Education and Art). Formal assessments (tests/investigations/projects) will start 5 August. Please refer to the School Assessment Plan (SAP) term 3 for details. Ensure that your child(ren) is/are present at school. If a child is absent during a formal assessment, a valid reason in writing or a doctor's certificate must be submitted.
2. **Homework concerns:** I am concerned about learners not completing their homework or not handing in their workbooks to the subject teacher to be marked. Parents, we need your support on this matter. (Please refer to the homework policy.)
3. **Stationery:** Please ensure your child has the correct stationery to complete the assessments, as no borrowing or lending of stationery will be allowed. (Refer to stationery list in the homework book.) If you have any uncertainties, please liaise with the class teacher.
4. **School Uniform:** Learners must wear their winter school uniform. (Refer to the school uniform policy for details.) No combination of school uniform and sports attire will be accepted. On the days your child has physical education (according to the timetable), they will be allowed to wear the proper sports attire.
5. **Later arrivals:** Please ensure that your child is on time when school starts. The bell rings at 07:45, and Period 1 begins at 07:50. Formal assessments start at 08:10 in the morning. We understand that there may be valid reasons for being late, but many learners are making a habit of it.
6. **Safety in the morning:** For your child's safety, please instruct them not to go to the shop when their transport drops them off in the morning. We want to ensure that all learners are safe at all times.
7. **Early arrival at school:** We are very concerned about the safety of learners who arrive at school early in the morning. Please note that the support staff are at the gates from 07:05. We are grateful to Mrs Landers who is running a pre-care for the learners of DVZ. You can contact Mrs Landers on **079 830 6051** to find out more about the pre-care. (**NB!** Please take note that this will be privately-run by Mrs Landers and not by the school.)
8. **Safety and transport in the afternoon:** Many learners still wait for their transport in the afternoons. Please ensure that transport is arranged accordingly. We are concerned about the safety of learners waiting for their transport in the afternoon. We are also concerned about the safety of learners in the street after they are dismissed, as many learners are loitering in the streets and not going home. Please encourage your child to go home straight after school or after their extra mural activities/sport/support classes.
9. **School closure times:** The school closes at 14:30 on a Monday – Thursday and at 13:00 on a Friday. The school gates will be locked at 14:45 Monday – Thursday and at 13:15 on a Friday.
10. **Extra Mural Activities:** Extra mural activities, sports and support classes end on 22 August 2024.
11. **Donations:** Thank you very much for all the donations we have received for our TLC project. We greatly appreciate your generosity.
12. **Language day 5 August 2024:** Bilingual theatre show on Monday, 5 August. The R10 for the show includes a free civvy.

All policies mentioned in this letter are available in the homework book.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Best regards,

Mrs W. Blake (Principal)

2 August 2024

