

Newsletter



1 January 2018

Welcome back, welcome home!

To all our new pupils and their parents, welcome to Solid Foundations! We are so glad to have you join our family for this important and exciting part of your child's life journey.

Once school begins, every Wednesday you will receive a newsletter like this one from us via email. Please let us know if you change your email address at any time during the year. If you are experiencing email trouble and do not regularly receive one, you can download one each week from our school's website at www.solidfoundationsprimary.com.

To all our families who were with us last year, welcome back! We trust you had a special Christmas and New Year with your families and are rested and ready for a fun, fresh start.

School Terms for 2018



Term 1	17 Jan - 28 March
Term 2	9 April - 22 June
Term 3	16 July - 21 Sep
Term 4	8 Oct - 4 Dec

Please note that we are starting a day earlier than government terms in Term 2, 3 and 4, and we will add these extra 3 days to the September holiday to make it longer than the government holiday (keep that in mind for any family holiday plans ;). We have also decided to close on the 4th of December, instead of the 5th as previously announced. Our level of absenteeism in December 2017 was exceptionally high. After Care will remain open until the 14th of December 2018 as per usual.

After Care starts again on the 3rd of January 2018.

School hours...

Please can all pupils be at school by the latest 7h25 every morning. Assembly and prayer begin at 7h30 sharp and late pupils are often very embarrassed and distressed. Let us make every effort to keep our pupils punctual and relaxed in 2018.



Collection times:

Grade RRR & RR	12h45
Grade R- 3	13h00

Grade 4 - 7

13h30 (some classes on select days in Grade 7 will extend to 14h00. Please see your child's personal timetable)

Ideally, pupils should be collected within an hour of their last class. Children collected after this time will be charged After Care fees for the afternoon.

Children collected after 14h30 must be SIGNED OUT on a clipboard by After Care staff. In this way, we DO NOT CHARGE YOU if your child remains after hours for an extra-mural activity. To benefit from this, your child does have to be collected within a half an hour of the extra-mural's conclusion time, however.

School gates...

Moorivier Gate (optional parking is available)	6h30 - 7h30	
Maraboe Gate (drop and go)	7h00 - 7h30	
Korhaan Gate by cul-de-sac (drop and go)	7h00 - 7h30	
Korhaan Gate by prefab classes (park and collect)		12h45 onwards



Our school has several entrances, which can make drop-off and collection a bit tricky to grasp for new families. If you would like to park and walk your child in, please can you park in the veld (Moorivier Drive) and use the gate by the "troll bridge" - ideally don't wear your stilettos for this one mummies 😊. Alternatively, you can park in a parking bay around the school and walk your child through the "drop and go" gate on Maraboe Street next to the large palm tree. A recommended "drop and go" option is also available at 5 Korhaan Street gate (cul-de-sac).

The only gate presently available for collection in the afternoon, however, is the Korhaan street gate next to the prefab classrooms. In this way, one responsible staff member checks each child as they leave, ensuring the security and safety of our pupils.

Please be courteous and respectful in obeying our car guards and gate staff. They have your child's safety in mind and are following strict policies regarding the control of traffic.

SCHOOL FEES

We are so impressed with the number of parents who have settled their accounts for January. Thank you for your obvious demonstration of interest in your child's welfare.

Just a reminder that school fees are paid in advance before the 7th of each month, and the school fees for January are now due. Unfortunately if you do not pay within the first week of a month an automatic penalty is added to your account.



You have the option of an eleven month or a twelve month payment scheme. You do not have to indicate which plan you select, as we will deduce your option automatically from your payments. POP can be sent to admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com, but this is not a compulsory requirement.

Families who pay for the year in one lump sum upfront do get the "Outings" fee waived as a discount.

	Twelve month payment plan Monthly fee from 1 Jan- 1 Dec	Eleven month payment plan Monthly fee from 1 Jan - 1 Nov
Grade RRR	R1750	R1900
Grade RR	R1950	R2120
Grade R	R2250	R2450
Grade 1 - 3	R2500	R2720
Grade 4 - 7	R2800	R3050

For obvious safety reasons, EFT payments are preferable. **PLEASE ONLY USE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND SURNAME AS A PAYMENT REFERENCE** (do not use any invoice numbers/ KDZ numbers please).

Our school banking details:

Nedbank

Glen Acres (143342)

Account number: 1524 0198 79

Use child's name and surname as a reference



After Care fees...

Per month full time 12:30 - 17:30	R700
Per afternoon 12:30 - 17:30	R70
Holidays mornings (non full-time pupils) 6:45 - 13:00	R80
Holidays full day (non full-time pupils) 6:45 - 17:30	R150

Just a reminder that no After Care resignations are accepted after the 1st of November 2018.

Outings and stationery fees...

A reminder that this annual fee is due by the 1st of February 2018.

	Stationery	Outings	Total combined fee
Grade RRR	350	730	R 1080
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Grade R	640	730	R1370
Grade 1	850	520	R1370

Grade 2	1090	520	R1610
Grade 3	1060	520	R1580
Grade 4	920	440	R1360
Grade 5	1070	680	R1750
Grade 6	1050	650	R1700
Grade 7	1365	695	R2060



School uniforms...

Our school uniform is available either from our seamstress - Sharmyne - at 116 Moorivier Drive (tel 011-972-8266), or from Boundary Silk Bazaar. Girl "culottes" and "skorts" are ONLY available from our seamstress. School shirts can be embroidered with the school logo on the pockets by the school seamstress.

Once the weather cools, school tracksuits (Grade 1 - 7) are available from the school office.

Grade 1 - 7 Parent's Meeting...

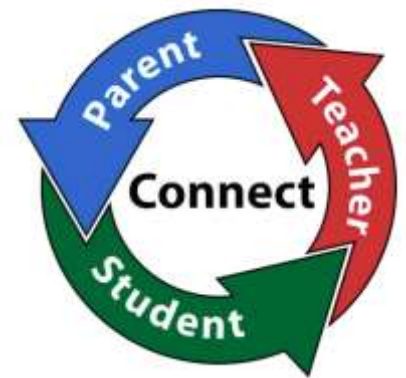
We are having a Grade 1-7 Parent's Meeting at school on Saturday the 27th of January, at 8h00 sharp for Grade 1 - 3 and 9h00 sharp for Grade 4 -7. We do apologise for claiming your glorious Saturday morning sleep-in time, but we do find a morning meeting a safer option than an evening meeting, and more parents can attend if it's early.

Please note that attendance at the meetings is compulsory for our Grade 1-5 parents. The Grade 6 and 7 parents can attend with pleasure if they would like an opportunity to meet with the staff.

If you are unable to make the meeting, send a family member or friend as a representative please.

Children are welcome to play on the playgrounds - but they will not be supervised by staff during this time. With all of our teachers meeting at once, space is limited in the classrooms. If both parents are attending, bear with us regarding the limited seating available.

As per our reputation, we will be starting all meetings **SHARP!**



Enjoy the New Year with us. We know that we approach it prayerfully and humbly, wanting only God's best for our families and school.

Blessings

The Solid Foundations Staff