

Newsletter

1 January 2019

Welcome to 2019 one and all!

To all our new pupils and their parents, welcome to Solid Foundations! We are so glad to have you join our family. We are honoured to be a 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.

Please note that our school emailing system is set up in such a way that each individual child will receive an emailed newsletter. If you have more than one child in our school, you will receive more than one of the same email. We will also email newsletters to all email addresses listed on your enrolment form. If you would like to remove an address, simply pop us a request via email.

To all our families who were with us last year, welcome back! We trust you had a wonderful Christmas and are in for a fun New Year. We are really excited about a fresh start.

School Terms for 2019



Term 1	9 Jan - 15 March
Term 2	1 April - 14 June
Term 3	8 July - 20 Sep
Term 4	7 Oct - 3 Dec

Please note that, like last year, 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 ;). After Care will remain open during all the school holidays and until the 13th of December 2019. After Care starts on the 3rd of January 2019.

School hours...

Please can all pupils be at school by the latest 7h20 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 2019.



Collection times:

Grade RRR & RR	12h45
Grade R- 3	13h00
Grade 4 - 7	13h30 (some classes in senior primary grades end at 14h10. Please see your child's personal time-table - given out on the first day of school)

A reminder that ideally, pupils should be collected within an hour of their last class of the day. 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.

We can accommodate any families who wish to use the After Care facilities on very short notice (e.g. your boss asks you to stay for an unexpected afternoon meeting). Please let the school know via telephone or email if this should happen and you require this service.

School gates are open at the following times...

Moorivier Gate/ Troll Bridge Gate (optional parking is available)	6h30 - 7h30	12h45 - 17h30
Maraboe Gate (drop and go)	7h00 - 7h30	x
Korhaan Gate by cul-de-sac (drop and go)	7h00 - 7h30	x
Korhaan Gate by prefab classes (park and collect)	Used by After Care during school holidays	



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 for the mornings is also available at 5 Korhaan Street gate (cul-de-sac).

The only gate available for collection in the afternoon, however, is the Moorivier Street gate ("Troll Bridge" gate). By restricting it to one gate, one responsible staff member checks each child as they leave, ensuring the security and safety of our pupils. And to keep our pupils safe, please let the office know if someone new or unexpected collects your child from school. Teacher Joanne will flag any "strangers" and we will not allow your child to leave in their company unless you have given your written permission.

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 and child safety.

Looking after the books...

We are always impressed with the number of parents who settle their accounts punctually for January. It is such a great indicator of your interest in prioritising 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 due this week. 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 up-front 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	R1900	R2070
Grade RR	R2100	R2290
Grade R	R2400	R2615
Grade 1 - 3	R2700	R2945
Grade 4 - 7	R3000	R3270

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	R800
Per afternoon 12:30 - 17:30	R80
Holidays mornings (non full-time pupils)	R80

6:45 - 13:00	
Holidays full day (non full-time pupils) 6:45 - 17:30	R160

Just a reminder that no After Care resignations are accepted after the 1st of November 2019.

Outings and stationery fees...

This annual fee is due by the 1st of February 2019.

Grade	Outings	Stationery	Books	Total
RRR	R780	R540		R1320
RR	R780	R570		R1350
R	R780	R630		R1410
1	R530	R930 (books included)		R1460
2	R530	R1110 (books included)		R1640
3	R530	R1060 (books included)		R1590
4	R550	R850 (books included)		R1400
5	R740	(purchase own as required)	R1390	R2130
6	R730	(purchase own as required)	R1460	R2190
7	R860	(purchase own as required)	R1350	R2210

School uniforms...

Our school uniform is available from either of these suppliers:

MS Uniforms

92 Monument Street
011-050-7842
076-711-1443
info@msuniforms.co.za

Boundary Silk Bazaar

Corner Pomona Road & Sarel St
Caryldale
Kempton Park
011-975-2119



We have negotiated with Mathemba from MS Uniforms to do a school visit EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of the month during our school terms to take uniform orders and drop off any ordered stock. She will be at school on these Fridays from 6h30 to 8h00 in the mornings. Do take advantage of this convenience, as we would like to assist our busy working parents in any practical way that we can.

Please note that we have also asked Mathemba to make an exception to the above rule and to come to our school next week Friday (i.e. 11 January) to help any parents. Please remember that girl "culottes" and "skorts" are handmade and ONLY available from MS Uniforms.

Grade 1 - 7 Parent's Meeting...

We are having our first Grade 1-7 Parent's Meeting at school on Saturday the 19th of January, at 8h00 sharp for Grade 1 - 3 and 9h00 sharp for Grade 4 -7.

Attending the meeting is compulsory for our Grade 1-5 parents. The Grade 6 and 7 parents can attend with pleasure if they would like a refresher speech or 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 their parents at one time in their classrooms, space is limited. If both parents are attending, bear with us regarding the limited seating available. As per our reputation, we will be starting all meetings **SHARP!**



I still have a question...



If you are unsure about any "ins and outs" of our school, please remember that our website is relevant and up-to-date. We also have all our policies available on the site for your convenience. If you still find yourself in the dark, don't hesitate to email at any time or call the school during the school terms. We're really here to help.

Enjoy the New Year with us.

Laugh with us, grow with us, but mostly... pray with us. May God make 2019 a year where His kingdom is richly and powerfully extended in the lives of our pupils. Let every teacher and classroom be a tool in His hands!

Blessings

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