



21 April 2021

Dear Parents

My Child at School

The handing out of reports goes without saying. Please consult newsletters dealing with this as the policy has not changed. Reports will be given to the learners in class on 22/23 April 2021. Should a learner be absent due to school related responsibilities or commitments, urgent medical reasons, direct family deaths/ illness, a specialist appointment, urgent exceptional circumstances or illness, please send request and proof thereof to info@sunridge.co.za to receive the report via email. The original will then be given to the learner on the first day of school next term. We know other schools might not hand out reports but we are ready to do so and proud that we can.

We are also aware of a few schools allowing some grades to return in full - with our numbers and resources it is just not possible. Even within a 1 meter guideline we cannot manage it. We are praying for the full return and the lifting of the State of Disaster as we feel a lot of the measures do not make sense. We will, however, stay positive and comply with what is in place as it is not within our power to make these decisions.

Dropping your child off at school requires from us to take over your parental duties. We are happy to do so as it is also required by the South African Schools Act. We take pride in taking care and looking after the best interests of your child and we will not compromise that. We may have different opinions but after all it is about the child.

Until we release your child back into your care we expect him/her to be in school for the full academic time. As your child needs to be in school for the official school hours we will not enter into any discussion on early departure. Our policy only allows children to leave early due to school related responsibilities or commitments, urgent medical reasons, direct family deaths/ illness, a specialist appointment, urgent exceptional circumstances or when a child becomes ill.

Unfortunately we get daily requests from parents requesting to fetch their children during school hours. To allow us to act within protocols we have repeatedly requested that a request for the above must be made, in writing and well in advance to info@sunridge.co.za to allow us to comply and handle the request within the said protocols. We require the reason to be given please.

On enrollment parents sign acceptance of our policies, so no discussion is needed. The South African Schools Act requires parents to adhere to the school's policies and Code of Conduct and that is the end of the matter.

Over the years it has become an issue and numerous incidents have occurred with parents making threats and nasty comments in their attempt to get their child released early. I kindly request parents to respect the schools protocols. Covid-19 regulations and protocols have made it even more difficult but your child should start and finish a school day within the policy.

A common trend is for children to suddenly become ill after writing their test or close to the end of the day, with some telling us that they were instructed to do so by their parents as they want to leave early for the weekend, family functions, shopping, etc. We really do not want to believe this but emails for early releases outside our regulations prove this point beyond any doubt.

We also get children who come to school sick and according to them do not report it as per instructions from their parents. This is defiantly unacceptable and puts everyone at risk.

We feel that we are being bullied by some parents. It is a pity that we have to communicate this to all but choose to do so as to prevent you from unwittingly falling into this trend. Should you ever need to fetch your child due to any of the abovementioned reasons kindly inform us well in advance please.

Requests outside of our policy will be refused and we will request proof if need be to verify the truth. It is sad to see a so called sick child on Facebook during school hours in shopping centres, at a party, lunches, on the beach, horse riding, at a paintball match, ice skating, at the movies etc.

We are running a full academic week this week and have started with the second term's work. Thank you to parents who are supportive and adhere to this. We apologize if we have offended anyone - it is not our aim to do so.

There will be no sport on Monday and Tuesday, 3 & 4 May 2021 as teachers will be available for electronic report discussions via email from 14:30 - 17:00. All sport for u/9 - u/13 will resume on Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

We wish all children, staff and parents a well deserved holiday, short for some and maybe none for others. It is essentially a time to breathe as the second term will probably, once again, ask us to deal with more than we asked for. Please stay safe as together we can overcome the challenges.

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Sunshine greetings
M DE VRIES
Principal

Geagte Ouers

My Kind op Skool

Dit is 'n uitgemaakte saak dat rapporte uitgedeel sal word. Lees asseblief die nuusbriewe aangaande hierdie saak, aangesien die beleid nie verander het nie. Rapporte word op 22/23 April 2021 aan kinders in die klas uitgedeel. Indien die kind afwesig is weens skoolverwante verantwoordelikhede of verpligtinge, dringende mediese redes, dood/siekte van naby familie, 'n spesialisafpraak, dringende buitengewone omstandighede of siekte, kan 'n versoek met motivering om die rapport per e-pos te ontvang na info@sunridge.co.za stuur. Die oorspronklike rapport sal dan op die eerste skooldag aan die leerling oorhandig word. Ons weet sommige ander skole deel nie rapporte uit nie, maar ons is trots daarop dat ons gereed is om dit te doen.

Ons is ook daarvan bewus dat 'n paar skole sekere grade voltyds terugbring, maar met ons getalle en bronne is dit eenvoudig nie moontlik nie, selfs met 'n 1 meter afstand is dit nie binne ons vermoë nie. Ons sien reikhalzend uit na 'n volle terugkeer en na die opheffing van die ramptoestand, aangesien ons voel dat baie van die maatreëls totaal onsinnig is. Ons bly egter steeds positief en eerbiedig die maatreëls wat in plek geplaas is, want dit is nie binne ons vermoë om hierdie besluite te verander nie.

Wanneer u kind by die skoolhek instap, neem ons u oerpligte oor. Ons doen dit met plesier en dit word ook deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Skolewet vereis. Dit is ons voorreg om u kinders te versorg en hul beste belange op die hart te dra en ons sal dit nie in gevaar stel nie. Ons mag verskillende menings huldig, maar uiteindelik word die kind se belange voorop gestel.

Totdat die kind by die skoolhek uitstap, verwag ons dat hy/sy vir die volle akademiese dag by die skool sal wees. Aangesien u kind vir die amptelike skoolure by die skool moet wees, sal ons geen gesprek voer oor kinders wat die skool vroeër wil verlaat nie, want ons beleid laat kinders slegs toe om vroeg te gaan weens skoolverwante verantwoordelikhede of verpligtinge, dringende mediese redes, dood/siekte van naby familie, 'n spesialisafpraak, dringende buitengewone omstandighede of wanneer 'n kind siek word.

Ongelukkig kry ons op 'n daaglikse basis te doen met ouers wat versoek om hul kinders gedurende skoolure te kom haal. Om ons in staat te stel om binne protokol op te tree, het ons herhaaldelik versoek dat ouers vroegtydig die skool d.m.v. info@sunridge.co.za kontak, sodat ons die versoek binne genoemde protokol kan oorweeg. Ons vereis ook dat redes verstrekkend word, asseblief.

Tydens inskrywing onderteken ouers aanvaardig van ons beleide, so ons hoef nie daarvoor te redeneer nie. Die Suid-Afrikaanse Skolewet vereis dat ouers die skool se beleide en gedragskode eerbiedig en dit is die einde van die saak.

Met verloop van tyd het dit 'n strydpunt geword en daar was talle gevalle waar ouers dreigemente en onwelkome aanmerkings maak soos hulle poog om ten alle koste hul kinders vroeër uit die skool te haal. Ek rig 'n vriendelike versoek aan ouers om die skool se protokol te eerbiedig. Alles is selfs moeiliker met Covid-19 regulasies en protokol, maar uiteindelik moet u kind die skooldag binne die beleid begin en voltooi.

Dit is ook algemeen vir kinders om skielik ná 'n toets of naby die einde van die dag siek te word en 'n paar kinders het ons vertel dat hulle opdrag van hul ouers ontvang het om dit te doen, aangesien hulle vroeg wil vertrek vir die naweek, familiebyeenkomste, inkopies, ens. Ons wil dit regtig nie glo nie, maar e-posse wat versoek om kinders vroeër te laat gaan, buite ons regulasies, is onomstootlike bewys hiervan.

Ons kry ook te doen met siek kinders wat skool toe kom en dit, volgens hulle, in opdrag van hul ouers nie aanmeld nie. Dit is beslis onaanvaarbaar en stel almal in gevaar.

Ons voel dat sommige ouers ons op hierdie manier in 'n blik probeer druk. Ons is jammer dat ons alle ouers oor dieselfde kam skeer, maar ons verkies om dit te doen sodat u nie onwetend in dieselfde slagyster trap nie. Stel ons asseblief vroegtydig in kennis indien u ooit u kind as gevolg van enige van bogenoemde redes moet kom haal.

Versoeke buite ons beleid sal geweier word en ons sal stawende bewyse verlang indien nodig, want soms sien ons ongelukkig 'n sogenaamde siek kind gedurende skoolure op Facebook, by 'n partytjie, middagete, op die strand, op 'n perd se rug, by 'n verfbalkompetisie, op die ysskaatsbaan, in die fliek, ens.

Vandeeweeke is 'n propvol akademiese week en ons het reeds met die derde kwartaal se werk begin. Baie dankie aan daardie ouers wat ons in hierdie verband ondersteun. Ons vra om verskoning indien ons enigiemand aanstoot gee, dit was nie ons bedoeling nie.

Daar sal op Maandag en Dinsdag 3 en 4 Mei 2021 geen sport wees nie, aangesien die onderwysers van 14:30 - 17:00 vir elektroniese rapportbesprekings beskikbaar is. Alle sport vir o/9-o/13 hervat op Woensdag 5 Mei 2021.

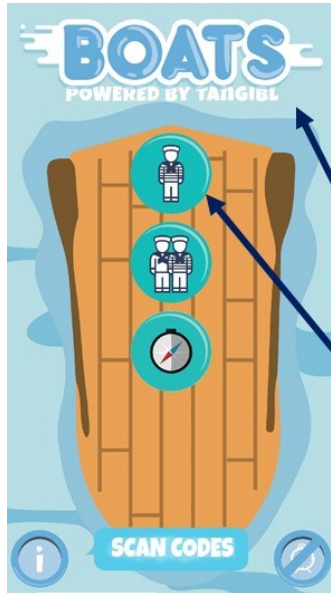
Ons wens alle kinders, personeel en ouers 'n welverdiende blaaskans toe, vir sommige sal dit kort wees en vir ander net 'n droom. Eintlik is dit net 'n tydjie om asem te skep, want die tweede kwartaal sal waarskynlik meer vermoeiend wees as wat ons kan dink. Bly asseblief veilig, want saam kan ons al die struikelblokke oorwin.

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Sonskyngroete
M DE VRIES
Skoolhoof

LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS / LEERDERPRESTASIES

*If not a school event, **official results** must be emailed to wendy@sunridge.co.za within one week of the event.
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