



Dear Parents

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Absenteeism and other Requests

The Minister of Basic Education has published the new regulations regarding school attendance in the Educational Gazette Vol. 680 No. 45877 on Sunday 6 February 2022. These regulations stipulate that all learners have to return to school on a daily basis from 7 February 2022 (no more distance education/learning).

The Department of Basic Education National Education Policy Act 27 of 1996 (18A) stipulates that a parent is expected to ensure that the learner attends school on a daily basis, on time and for the whole school day, unless there is a valid reason for the absenteeism.

The "valid reason" is a grey area but The Department of Basic Education National Education Policy Act 27 of 1996 Learner Absence (13A - I) clarifies a valid reason and we will stay within it.

Any absenteeism for a medical reason must be confirmed by a registered medical practitioner if the illness last longer than three days. The school provides homework on the Portal and with a valid medical certificate and a request from the parent via email to the class/subject teacher will we e-mail worksheets if possible.

Absenteeism for long periods of time cannot be the rule and the school will liaise with the Department of Education as we cannot grant exemption from compulsory school attendance. If no valid reason can be given after 10 consecutive school days, the Principal must cancel the learner's record on the class register.

This is cleverly tested by parents and a pattern emerges - **the learner must now be charged with breach of the school's Code of Conduct for learners. This is not supportive behaviour from parents. If a child cannot attend school outside of a "valid reason" rather revert to the only option left, home schooling, until the issues can be resolved.**

As Principal I have discretion, please refrain from dictating to me on how I must apply it. Please note that section 18 in the Act clarifies what is expected from a parent and that a family holiday is specifically excluded.

Teachers and Coaches

This is the time of year that high schools do marketing and we are proud that so many high schools are looking at our Grade 7's. This is also the time that interference on academic and extra mural activities is exploited. Support, additional activities, clinics, courses, get togethers, camps and many more are carefully offered as a marketing strategy. We do not oppose this BUT it cannot interfere or undermine our service or the integrity of staff.

Our teachers, coaches and our cultural department get tangled up in a web of the above and conflict of interest surfaces in different forms. We are then required to deal with issues beyond the normal and this is not supportive to education. Policies are there to prevent good people from doing silly things and over the years our SMT and SGB have worked hard to ensure we address these matters. Unfortunately, this pressure cooker has exploded.

We do not make use of outside coaches, tolerate outside interference, entertain pressure groups, nameless letters, phone calls or faceless remarks and attacks on our staff or school. When staff make mistakes (they do) we act within our Code of Conduct and address the matter within our disciplinary system. This is also applicable to our learners but unfortunately with parents and outsiders we are caught up in a different ball game and set of rules.

Sunridge offers way more than most schools - this is an undisputed fact and we have a tremendous track record that is well respected. With highly valued staff and coaches on a primary school level we cannot allow the second-guessing of our staff's abilities to teach or coach.

The entitlement now surfacing must be an after effect of Covid-19 when outside sources were pushing the rules and creating their own. Please focus on support and let the teacher or coach do what they must.

We have lost 2 years: some tried to stay in shape or on track but we must now focus on conditioning our learners on a primary school level and get them ready to be introduced safely back onto the sports field. A few primary schools have already experienced serious injuries at the end of 2021 and the start of 2022. The Head of Sport and his team have done their planning and carefully balanced the full return to sport backed by the relevant physical education experience.

As Principal, I have had uplifting talks with the Principals from the majority of high schools our learners normally attend. We support opportunities BUT must consider the huge differences between primary and high school learners and with respect for authority. We are truly blessed by the high schools interest in our learners while offering them exceptional services of a very high standard.

I must thank the parents who support and respect our staff as we put our full extra mural program back on track. Our athletes have done pretty well on the track, our cricket teams have already showed that our conditioning and coaching is well on track and balanced.

Tennis will require a different development approach while chess is an open source of opportunity. Dancing, drama, choir, steel band, wind band, etc. are moving forward within our planning.

With the return of contact sport rugby, netball and hockey we are also on track and we are looking forward to our first primary school matches. This will be closely monitored and evaluated on our level of competitive participation.

We will also be touring extensively allowing our senior teams to compete on a higher level BUT under the careful eye of experienced coaches and teachers with safety as a priority.

Our first priority will be to get our learners in their age groups and conditioned on primary school level for their safe return to competitive sport. This will take time and patience.

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Geagte Ouers

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Afwasighede en ander Versoek

Die Minister van Basiese Onderwys het die nuwe regulasies i.v.m. skoolbywoning op Sondag 6 Februarie 2022 in die Onderwysgaset Vol. 680 No. 45877 gepubliseer. Volgens hierdie regulasies moes alle leerders op 7 Februarie 2022 op 'n daaglikske basis terugkeer skool toe (geen afstandonderrig/leer meer nie).

Die Departement van Basiese Onderwys se Nasionale Onderwysbeleidswet 27 van 1996 (18A) stipuleer dat daar van ouers verwag word om te verseker dat leerders skool op 'n daaglikske basis bywoon, betyds en vir die volle skooldag, tensy daar 'n geldige rede vir afwasigheid is.

Die "geldige rede" is 'n grys gebied, maar die Departement van Basiese Onderwys se Nasionale Onderwysbeleidswet 27 van 1996 Leerderafwasigheid (13A - I) verduidelik wat 'n "geldige rede" beteken en ons sal daarby hou.

Enige afwasigheid a.g.v. 'n mediese rede moet deur 'n geregistreerde mediese praktisyn bevestig word indien die afwasigheid langer as drie dae duur. Die skool plaas reeds huiswerk op die Portaal en met 'n geldige mediese sertifikaat en 'n versoek van die ouer aan die klas/vakonderwyser, sal die werkville per e-pos gestuur word indien moontlik.

Afwasigheid oor 'n lang tydperk kan nie die reël wees nie en die skool sal met die Onderwysdepartement skakel, aangesien die skool nie vrystelling van verpligte skoolbywoning kan toestaan nie. Indien geen geldige rede ná 10 opeenvolgende skooldae verstrek kan word nie, sal die Skoolhoof die leerderrekord in die klasregister moet kanselleer.

Hier gooie ouers jakkalsdraaien en 'n patroon word duidelik – die leerder moet nou van oortreding van die skool se gedragskode vir leerders beskuldig word. Ouers bewys beslis nie hul kinders 'n guns nie. As 'n kind nie met 'n geldige rede afwasig kan wees nie, moet die enigste ander opsie – tuisonderrig - oorweeg word totdat die saak gesik is.

Ek as Skoolhoof kan my diskresie gebruik, maar moet asseblief nie vir my voorsê hoe om dit te doen nie. Neem asseblief kennis dat Artikel 18 van die Wet dit duidelik stel wat van ouers verwag word en dat 'n gesinsvakansie spesifiek uitgesluit word.

Onderwysers en Afrigters

Hoërskole doen hierdie tyd van die jaar hul bemarking en ons is verheug en trots daarop dat so baie hoërskole ons Gr 7's wil opraap. Dit is egter ook die tyd wanneer botsings met akademiese en buitemuurse aktiwiteite op die spits gedryf word. 'n Bemarkingstrategie behels ondersteuning, bykomende aktiwiteite, klinieke, kursusse, byeenkomste, kampe, ens. Ons is nie hierteen gekant nie, MAAR dit kan nie ons personeel se dienslewering of integriteit in gedrang bring nie.

Ons onderwysers, afrigters en kultuurpersoneel raak vasgevang in 'n web van bogenoemde en botsende belang word op verskillende vlakke ervaar. Ons moet dan buitengewone aangeleenthede hanteer, wat nie in die belang van onderwys is nie. Beleide word in plek geplaas om te verhoed dat goeie mense vreemde goed aanvang en oor die jare het ons SBS en SBL hard gewerk om te verseker dat hierdie aangeleenthede aangespreek word. Ongelukkig het hierdie drukkoker lankal ontplof.

Ons maak nie van buite-afrigters gebruik nie, ons laat nie ingryping van buite toe nie, ons steur ons nie aan drukgroepes nie, ons skenk geen aandag aan naamlose brieve, telefoonoproope, aanmerkings of aanslae op ons personeel of skool nie. Wanneer personeel foute maak (soos almal doen), word dit binne ons gedragskode en dissiplinêre stelsel hanteer. Dit geld ook vir leerders, maar ongelukkig word ons deur ouers en buitestanders met 'n ander stel reëls gekniehalter.

Sunridge bied heelwat meer as die meeste ander skole – dit is 'n feit soos 'n koei – en ons uitstekende prestasies word wyd gerespekteer. Met hoog aangeskrewe personeel en afrigters op laerskoolvlak kan ons nie toelaat dat ons personeel se vermoë om te onderrig of af te rig be-vraagteken word nie.

Die eiegerigtheid wat nou seevier, is ongetwyfeld 'n nagevolg van Covid-19, toe faktore van buite veroorsaak het dat die reëls omseil en nuwe reëls geskep is. Fokus asseblief op ondersteuning en laat die onderwyser of afrigter toe om hul werk te doen.

Ons het twee jaar verloor – sommige mense het probeer om op spoed te bly, maar nou moet ons daarop konsentreer om ons laerskoolleerders gereed te kry om veilig na die sportvelde terug te keer. 'n Aantal laerskole het reeds ernstige beserings gerapporteer sedert die laaste kwartaal van 2021 en ook in die eerste paar weke van 2022. Die Hoof van Sport en sy span beplan sorgvuldig om die volle terugkeer met relevante liggaamsopvoeding te balanseer.

Ek as Skoolhoof het bemoedigende gesprekke gehad met die Skoolhoofde van Hoërskole waarheen die meerderheid van ons leerders gewoonlik gaan. Ons is ten gunste van geleenthede, MAAR met inagneming van die reuse-sprong tussen laer- en hoërskole en met respek vir gesag. Ons is werkelik bevoorreg dat hoërskole uitstekende diens en 'n uiters hoë standaard aan ons leerders bied.

Ons hartlike dank aan die ouers wat ons personeel ondersteun en respekteer terwyl ons 'n volledige buitemuurse program van stapel stuur. Ons atlete vaar besonder goed en ons krieketspanne het reeds bewys dat ons afrigting en kondisionering gebalanseer en op spoed is.

Tennis is 'n perd van 'n ander kleur en skaak wemel van die geleenthede. Dans, drama, koor, staaltromorkes, blaasorkes, ens. is op koers en vorder volgens beplanning.

Met die terugkeer van kontaksport is rugby, netbal en hokkie weer op spoed en ons sien reikhalsend uit na ons eerste laerskoolwedstryde wat ophande is. Hierdie wedstryde sal noukeurig gemonitor en ontleed word om ons vlak van mededingende deelname te bepaal.

Ons gaan ook wyd en syd toer, wat ons senior spanne sal toelaat om op 'n hoë vlak mee te ding, MAAR onder die wakende oog van ervare afrigters en onderwysers, met veiligheid as prioriteit.

Ons vernaamste prioriteit is om ons leerders in hul ouderdomsgroepe op laerskoolvlak gekondisioneer te kry ten einde 'n veilige terugkeer na mededingende sport te verseker – wat tyd en geduld sal verg.

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LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS / LEERDERPRESTASIES

If not a school event, official results must be emailed to wendy@sunridge.co.za within one week of the event.
Indien nie 'n skoolaktiwiteit nie, moet uitslae binne een week na wendy@sunridge.co.za gestuur word

BIATHLON: Charl Geissler (u/13B) represented EP at the Highgate Interprovincial in Oudtshoorn

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TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
U/13A	GREY A	Lost by 10 runs	FRANCOIS VAN DER WALT
U/13B			
U/13C			
U/13D			
U/11A			
U/11B			
U/11C			
U/10A			
U/10B			
U/10C	GREY D	Lost by 115 runs	TIAN GERBER
U/10			
U/9A	BRYLIN	Won by 5 runs	WIHAN ERASMUS
U/9A	URBAN	Won by 5 runs	BLAKE GOMES
MINI U/9A			
MINI U/9B			
MINI U/9	BLUEWATER BAY	Won by 15 runs	NOAH MARTIN



TENNIS			
TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
1ST TEAM BOYS			
1ST TEAM GIRLS			

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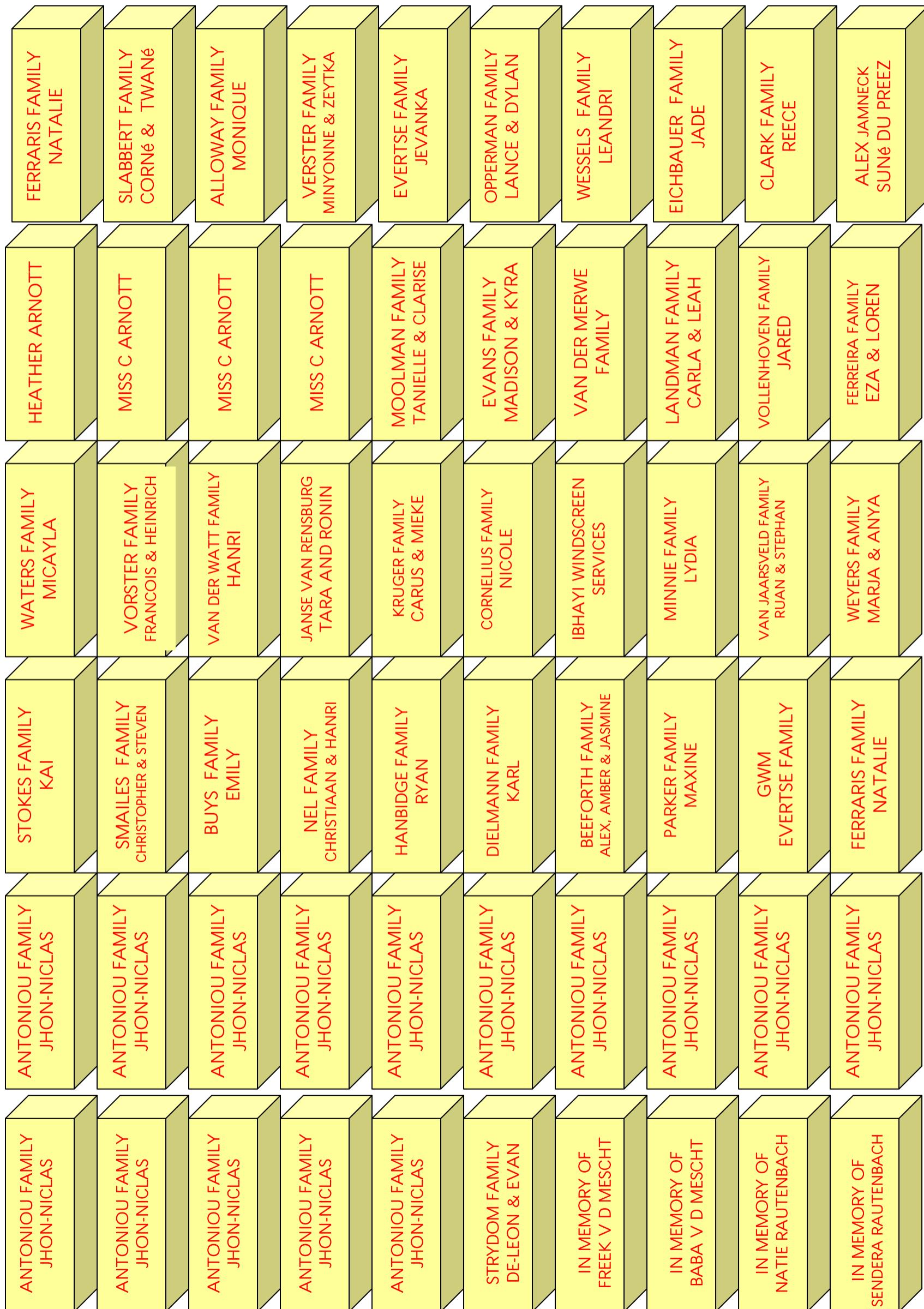
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