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Grade 8

It is an honour to welcome you to Eben Dönges High School. This phase in your child's life is 5 years long and we can guarantee that it will go by very fast.

You entered your child to Eben Dönges High School for a reason and we want to believe that it is for the right reasons. Now, what is important to us:

1. To create an atmosphere/environment where every learner can develop to his full potential.
2. A disciplined environment where every learner is thoughtful and respectful towards each other.
3. Academic advancement of every learner.
4. Development of learners as a whole, in both academic and extra mural involvement.
5. Parental involvement

POINTS TO TAKE NOTE OF (IMPORTANT FOR THE GRADE HEAD)

1. Academics stay the primary reason for your child being here. Parental involvement is needed, make sure that homework is done, and attend parent evenings.
2. Textbooks/writing books need to be at school every day.
3. Good behaviour and cooperation is expected from learners. There is a clear connection between a learner's behaviour and their academic achievement.
4. Neatness of the learners is of the utmost importance. There is inspection of learners every morning.
5. Your child will receive a report every term. There is a request that parents insist to get the report from the learner and to scrutinise the results.
6. With the start of the second and third term there will be a parents evening where you can speak to your child's subject teachers. Learners will receive a notice of the parent evenings.

IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. COVID PROTOCOLS

Every learner must wear a cloth mask. NO “buffs” are allowed.

As learners enter the school premises screening will take place before they can go any further on to the school grounds.

As learners arrive and leave class their hands will be sanitized.

The learners’ desks are also sanitized between lessons by teachers.

Learners are also requested to keep social distance from each other.

2. POLICY FOR ABSENTEEISM

On the first day that the learner returns to school a letter, of reasons for absenteeism, must be handed in to the register teacher. Parents can also contact the school and give a reason for absenteeism.

Absenteeism during official tests and exams – learner will receive a zero unless a MEDICAL CERTIFICATE is handed in the NEXT DAY. NO OTHER LETTER OR CALLS will be accepted.

3. TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONARY

Learners will receive their textbooks after the full first payment of school fees.

Learners need to take care of their textbooks as the books will be returned at the end of the year. Books that are damaged will, by the cost of the learner, be replaced.

4. GENERAL NEATNESS OF LEARNERS

If there are any problems with the school uniform, the parent must write a letter addressed to the register teacher/ grade head who will then give the learner permission, for a specified period of time with which to walk around with the wrong uniform.

Parents must please specify in the letter for how long they will need so that necessary arrangement can be made. Learner will not be allowed to walk around with the wrong uniform for an indefinite period of time.

5. LATE COMING AND LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If learners arrive late to school, they will be kept for an hour after school on the same day.

Parents will be informed via SMS that the learner will be kept after school.

Learners need to make sure that no appointments are made during school hours, but in the event that it is unavoidable, a letter has to be addressed to the grade head stating the date and time of the appointment when the learner will have to leave the school.

The parent as the designated person as on the letter needs to fetch the learner from the secretaries.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT

Learners will not receive a code of conduct, but it is expected that parents will visit the school's website to read the code of conduct. A form where the parents and learners acknowledge that they will abide and respect the code of conduct. This form will have to be filled out by both the parents and learners.

NB – no cell phones are on the school's premises and if it is being used out in the open it will be confiscated by a member of staff. A parent will then have to come collect it from school.

There will be a fine if the same learner is found with a cell phone for the second time and it will only be handed over once this has been paid.

The wrong school uniform, jewellery etc. will be confiscated and will be given back to them at the end of the term.

7. LANGUAGE TEACHING AND POLICY

Only English and Afrikaans are allowed to be used in class.

Give attention to the additional language. Grade 10 -12 are made up of a combination of English and Afrikaans learners and will be presented in both.

8. PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please encourage learners to become part of school activities.

9. MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please bring any serious medical conditions to the attention of the grade head.

10. CIRCULARS AND RETURN SLIPS

All return slips need to please be returned to school the next day by the learner. This is one of the ways the school communicates with parents and it is expected that learners will bring these letters to the attention of their parents.

11. AVOIDING DETENTION

Any learner that does not pitch up for detention without a valid reason will be suspended for two days. If a pattern of this behavior continues further steps will be taken.

Thank you in advance for your support for the next five years.



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ACTING PRINCIPAL



W BRAND
GRADE HEAD