



NORTHERN PARK PRIMARY

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

RE: Payment of School Fees are Due

The School Governing Body is aware of the financial stress that COVID-19 has had on many of our families.

The school receives its income from school fees, the tuckshop, the thrift shop and the After-Care facility, the latter three have not contributed to the income of the school over the past three months.

Many of our parents are of the opinion that since their children have been forced to remain at home, that school fees are not due. This is not the case. Our teachers have been working extremely hard to deliver curriculum over the past 9 weeks. There has been a weekly link posted on the school's Facebook page and D6 communicator. Since teachers have been back at school, weekly work packs have been available for all grades in conjunction with the downloadable learning programme. Online daily lessons will begin as soon as the internet has been upgraded to accommodate the number of teachers requiring to use this during the day (this should materialise in the next week or so). Therefore, whilst the majority of learners have not been allowed to return, weekly planning and instruction videos have been available for all grades.

The School Governing Body waived the After-Care fees from the beginning of the lockdown, however, full school fees are due (R1750-00 per month per child over ten months).

Parents are under legal obligation to pay their child's school fees in order to avoid being handed-over for debt collection.

Should a parent's financial situation have changed for the worse, then he/she has 60 days within change of circumstance to make late application for exemption or part thereof. Please visit the school's website (www.npps.co.za) for instruction on how to make application. Please note that the procedure has changed since lockdown regulations have been instituted.

All parents are urged to either pay their school fees due or to make late application for exemption. Please do not just merely refuse to pay your child's school fees, as this may result in the account being handed-over for collection.

Northern Park Primary needs to come out of this by maintaining excellence in curriculum delivery, therefore we need to retain our educators and maintain the available resources. The facilities that attract parents to enrol their child or children into our school need to continue to function in the near future.

Yours in Education,

The School Governing Body