



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 2023 - Grade 7

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are excited for the year ahead and we are looking forward to getting to know you as the parents/guardians of the learners whom you have entrusted in our care. Our aim is to teach and develop the whole learner to become capable and self-sufficient.

Physical Education / Sport

- Physical Education is a compulsory part of the school curriculum and carries an assessment mark.
- Kindly take note that as of 2023 Extra-Curricular Sports are compulsory for all learners.
- Learners will come to school dressed in their full school uniform daily, thus please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit for PHED/Extra-Curricular Sport in a separate bag.
- For Swimming, every learner must have a cap in his/her house colours, school costume and towel.
- For Field related – PHED, navy shorts and white PHED school shirt must be worn (with badge, no plain white t-shirts will be permitted).
- If your child cannot participate in PHED for any valid reason, you are required to send a letter of explanation.
- Kindly ensure that your child brings his/her sports kit on the allocated days for their respective sport.
- Participating in team sports will enhance your child's skills and abilities on and off the sports field.
- Your child's participation in PHED and sport is strongly encouraged as this creates character and an overall, general good attitude.
- 1st and 4th Term – learners to bring both swimming and field PHED uniforms for assessment purposes.
- NB: Times for Extra-Curricular will be as follows:
School will close at 14h05 daily.
Sport will commence promptly at 14h15 until 15h30, unless your child had been chosen for a 1st team. In this event, sports on such days will end at 16h00.
- Please take note that Saturday fixtures will take place more frequently, and your child's presence will be compulsory.

Homework

- Homework consolidates what was taught in class and enables the learner to evaluate what was taught.



- Homework is issued from Monday to Thursday, with the exception of a Wednesday, without fail. However, Wednesdays are designated for reading.
- At home, prepare a place where your child can do his/her homework peacefully, preferably far away from the TV and other games or distractions.
- Check your child's homework daily. Even if he/she has done this at After-Care, do not sign until you are satisfied with its completion.
- Learners are required to have a diary from the first day of school, in which they are required to record their homework. Please refer to this diary daily to confirm that all homework is monitored. Don't just take his/her word for it.
- Assist your child, but do not do the homework for him/her.
- Ensure that **you** sign the homework diary daily as acknowledgement of work completed.
- If a learner has a valid reason for not completing homework, please write a detailed note in his/her homework diary to prevent the child from receiving punishment.
- All Grades should read and learn their times tables on a daily basis. Get involved as a parent and make it fun!

Absenteeism

- If you know your child is going to be absent, please give your child a note, on a **SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER** (not in his/her homework notebook), explaining why he/she needs to be absent.
- If your child has been absent, then please send a note on a **SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER** when he/she returns to school. This is then placed on the learner's file.
- SP learners may NOT be absent for examinations, unless a doctor's certificate is issued. Should a learner be absent without a valid reason, he/she will receive zero (as per the Education Department's instruction).

Uniform and Neatness

- All learners must look presentable at all times and abide by the School's Code of Conduct. Uniforms should be clearly marked with the learner's name.
- Hair should always be neat and be in-line with the School's Code of Conduct. Boys' hair should be cut one length, and girls' hair should be tied in a bun. Braided hair should be against the scalp and neatly tied in a bun. No fashionable hairstyles, including beads and other attachments to the braids are strictly prohibited. Please note that no learner is allowed to have their hair coloured, or have braids that are not their natural hair colour.
- School shirts must have the school badge sewn or ironed on.
- Name badges, the first of which is issued free of charge, must also be worn daily and if lost, must be replaced at the prevailing cost.
- Encourage your child to set out his/her uniform the night before. This will help you notice a tear or missing button.
- Wearing a full school tracksuit is only permitted for sport events.



- The tracksuit top may be worn with boys' grey pants and girls' culottes and/or navy blue long pants.
- Ensure that your child's PHED / Sport clothes are always neat and tidy. The white golf shirt with a navy collar must be worn for matches, sport practices and PHED. A plain pair of navy shorts must be worn. Only the school's swimming costume may be worn.
- A PHED kitbag is compulsory.
- House T-shirts are to be worn for all Inter-House activities.

Be organized

- Give your child chores to do, e.g. putting lunchboxes in the basin, putting his/her PHED clothes in his/her bag, shining his/her shoes, etc.
- Try not to drop your child off late at school. School starts at 07h30. Attempt to drop your child off by no later than 07h20. If relevant, discuss these times with your child's transport as well, to avoid confusion.
- From Monday to Thursday, school closes at 14h05. Extra-curricular activities promptly start at 14h15 end at 15h30. On a Friday, school closes at 12h30 for all learners. No extra-curricular activities take place on Fridays, unless otherwise stated. Please collect your child promptly. Children not collected on time, will be sent to After-Care, and charged the daily rate.
- During a sports free week, learners are required to be fetched at 14h15. No After-Care is available for those learners, who do not normally go to After-Care.

Build self-confidence

- Don't ever compare child with another. Enjoy each child's uniqueness.
- Encourage any little improvement your child may make and don't hammer on the negatives.
- Often tell your child how proud you are, of him/her and that you know they will never hurt/disappoint you deliberately.

Values

- Teach your child good basic manners like awaiting his/her time to speak, greeting people properly and the use of "please" and "thank you".
- Be consistent when applying discipline. It will teach children that their deeds have consequences. This prevents bullying.
- Northern Park Primary has a reputation for being litter-free and every learner is expected to maintain this standard.
- Instill a healthy respect for books and all other belongings. They must also look after their personal possessions.
- Teach them respect for parents, grandparents, domestic workers, etc. so that they can apply this value to their teachers, fellow learners and cleaners at school.



Food

- Give your child a nutritious breakfast, as this has an impact on his/her concentration levels later in the day.
- Ensure that your child has something to eat during break. Asking peers for food is not allowed.
- Pack nutritious food (fresh fruit/vegetables, etc.) – preferably not sweets, biscuits, chips and fizzy cool drinks.
NO ENERGY DRINKS ARE ALLOWED.
- Fridays are set aside for treats and limit these to one, or maximum, two treats per week.
- Encourage the drinking of water and ensure that your child brings a juice/water bottle to school daily. No glass water bottles are allowed.

Safety first

- Teach your child general hygiene like washing his/her hands after using the toilet and before eating.
- Your child must know emergency numbers and addresses.
- Teach your child how to cross the street safely and where possible, at a pedestrian crossing.
- Warn your child against the dangers of interacting with strangers. The school has had a number of learners fall prey to this, with learners being traumatized by the experience.
- Be alert when your child suddenly has mood swings, sleeps a lot, becomes very aggressive or shows no interest in school. There could be a serious underlying problem he/she is dealing with.
- No learner should be dropped off on the opposite side of Allan Hirst Drive, but rather on the school side.
- Whilst it is every parent's prerogative to discipline his/her child in the manner that they see fit, parents are cautioned against physical discipline as the constitutional court has ruled corporal punishment by parents' illegal in South Africa.
- Should a child arrive at school with marks on his/her body, it is the responsibility of the school to report this to the relevant authorities.

Communication

- Parents are encouraged to use the learner's diary for any letters/messages to the teacher. If the diary is not available, please write the letter/message on an A4 page.
- Please follow the correct channels of communication via e-mail, as WhatsApp Groups will no longer be in use. Parents are urged to download the D6 – App onto their devices. All communication will be disseminated via the D6 and e-mail only.
- The correct channel of communication to be followed is as follows:
 - **Class teacher**
Mrs. L Brophy – mrslbrophy@npps.co.za



Ms. B. McPherson - msbmcpherson@npps.co.za

Mr. K. Sinanin – mrksinanin@npps.co.za

Or

The relevant Sports Coach

- Grade Head / Teacher in Charge (if sports related)
- Departmental Head
- Deputy Principal
- Principal
- Please phone the office (033 342 3222) if you cannot make the meeting and re-schedule another time.

Stationery

- Please supply your child with all the required stationery for the year. Ensure that it is all labelled correctly and that all labels are visible.
- Learners may not borrow stationery from one another.
- Any extra stationery must be labelled clearly.
- If there are still some items outstanding, please ensure that your child brings these to school as soon as possible.
- Ensure that your child has both, a **homework bag** and a **library bag**.
- Please ensure that all workbooks are covered with brown paper as soon as the learner receives it (at your own cost).
- A cover page, indicating the subject and name of learner and teacher, will be provided.

Cell phones

- Learners are discouraged from bringing cellphones to school.
- If learners bring a cellphone to school, it must be marked with their name.
- Cellphones must be switched off before entering the school grounds and may only be switched on again, after exiting the school property.
- Under no circumstance whatsoever, are children allowed to use their phones while on the school property.
- Cellphones being used or played with, while on the school property, will be confiscated.
- Cell phones confiscated will be recorded in the cell phone confiscation book. The learner will receive his/her cell phone back on the second Friday, after which it was confiscated. Alternatively, a parent will be able to collect the cell phone any time after confiscation.

Money

- Restrict the amount of cash money that you give your child.
- **Do not** give your child school fees to pay in cash. The finance office no longer accepts large cash payments.



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- The school has a credit card machine for such payments.
- School fees and other large amounts must be paid for, either by direct deposit or an EFT, into the school's bank account:

Account Holder: Northern Park Primary School

Account Number: 1130 582 779

Name of Bank: NEDBANK

Branch: TAJ Centre

Branch Code: 198 765

Reference: Child's surname, name and account code

- Learners with a R50 note or greater, **will not** be allowed to purchase from the Tuck-shop.

Rainy days

- Please get a compact raincoat/umbrella for your child to wear in case of unexpected rain.
- If sport is cancelled due to rain, your child will be looked after by his/her sports coach, in the teacher's classroom.
- If your child is not collected by 15h45, he/she will be looked after at the After-Care facility for a nominal fee.

Medication

- Should a child be taking concentration medication, this will be sent to school for the educator to administer. Each classroom has a medication safe, which is locked at all times. Parents will sign a consent form for educators to administer medication and each child signs when medication is administered. Please ensure that concentration medication is purchased before the previous tablets are finished. It is imperative that your child does not have any lapse in time when he/she is not taking his/her prescribed medication.

Yours faithfully,

Ms B McPherson
Grade Head

Mrs L Brophy
Head of Department

Mr N Pillay
Headmaster

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