



Dear Parent

November 2020

SCHOOL FEES 2021

WE ARE A PROUDLY FEE-PAYING SCHOOL.

The Governing Body is extremely thankful to all those parents who have supported the school in 2020, especially those who have paid their fees regularly and timeously – given the difficult year that we continue to experience. We further realize the financial pressure placed on parents in terms of school fees and that is why we continue to do everything in our power to keep school fees affordable and at the same time deliver a top class education to our children. A decent education is the greatest gift we, as parents, can give our children.

The proposed 2021 budget passed through various stages before it was finally approved by a meeting of parents held on 16 November 2020. The outcome of this process is that annual school fee was increased to R27 500.00 per learner for the 2021 academic year, which equates to R2 500.00 per month over 11 months. Details regarding the payment of fees are clearly outlined on the reverse side of this letter.

The fees for 2021, have been necessitated by a number of factors namely:

- Ensuring quality staff are recruited and retained, as well as provide staff whilst waiting for Dept. of Education to allocate
- Ongoing maintenance to our existing infrastructure including computer networks
- Continual spiraling costs which impact on the day-to-day management of the school.
- Securing quality education through wide academic and extra-mural programs.

The school would not be able to function without your continued support and this means we are able to meet our short-term obligations of maintaining and guaranteeing a high level of academic excellence, along with remaining financially sound in order to ensure the maintenance of our facilities.

Yours sincerely

Mr GF Applewhite
CHAIRMAN: GOVERNING BODY

FEES FOR 2021

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| Annual Fees | R27.500-00 |
| Full payment before 28/02/2021 (R2.050 discount applies) | R25.450-00 |
| OR | |
| 11 Equal monthly payments January to November 2021 | R 2.500-00 |

No other payment options are acceptable.

ANNUAL MUSIC FEES FOR 2021 (not included in school fees):

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| Once-off refundable deposit when hiring an instrument Payable when music lessons commences | R 800 |
| Hire of instrument | R 850 |
| Extra-mural Music Lessons | R1.850 |

PLEASE NOTE: The following are the preferred methods of payment for school fees:

Debit order (Signed Instruction presented by the school to your bank)
Direct Deposit into the school's bank account
Electronic Payments (Internet, ATM or card payment at school)

Should you choose the debit order option, please complete the attached debit order instruction form and return to the Bursar's office by no later than 27/11/2020.

There are only 2 payment options:

Full settlement by 28/02/2021; or
Monthly payments from January to November
Please adhere to these options.

FEE STATEMENTS

Statements are emailed monthly. Should you not receive your statement please contact the Bursar's Office to provide the correct email address. Parents who do not have email addresses will receive their statements via the pupil. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of any change in address, contact numbers or email addresses.

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Assistance is available to parents who have genuine financial need and for whom the school fee payment becomes difficult. Bear in mind that the applications are not based on your expenses, but purely on the combined income of the biological parents. If you experience difficulty in paying fees, please be reminded that the responsibility is yours to inform us.

The closing date for subsidy applications: 31 March 2021.

WITHDRAWAL OF PUPILS

A calendar months' notice of the withdrawal of your son or daughter from Victoria Park must be given in writing. Failing this you will be liable for the fees.