

"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

- Margaret Mead

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Welcome to 2019!

Our 1st weeks at school have been very eventful with new students, parents and teachers running up and down trying to get their bearings. We are happy to have you all as part of our family and we hope to have a successful academic year. There are some essential pieces of information we wish you to have as we start and we are going to list the most important ones in this welcome note.

Communication



It is essential that parents and teachers communicate in order to keep each other informed on what is happening at home and at school with regard to

our children's progress. We ask however that when you wish to share some information or clear a doubt you follow the line of communication established by following the school's channels of communication:

- **1st contact:** Class Teacher;
- **2nd contact:** Key Stage Head;
- **3rd contact:** Pedagogical Director;
- **4th contact:** Director.

Please be aware that Management will not attend to matters that have not been dealt with by the Class or Key head teachers.

Uniform

The school uniform has a number of variations that must be respected. As of

2019 students must wear black shoes together with their uniform. During PE they can wear any training shoes that allow them to play sports comfortably. However, if they wish to come to school on a daily basis wearing the PE uniform even when they do not have PE, then they must wear it with plain black sneakers/casual shoes. Socks must also be dark coloured and the suggestions are grey, black and navy blue.

Please be aware that those children not wearing the proper school uniform will be sent home. Students are also not allowed to mix the PE uniform with the formal uniform; examples being a PE shirt with grey shorts and pants or green polo with blue or black PE shorts.

School Fees

As of Monday the 4th February, students that still owe the school 2018 fees will not be allowed into school. We care extremely deeply for the children's education but we also function through services that we have to pay for and we have had situations where students suddenly leave our school while

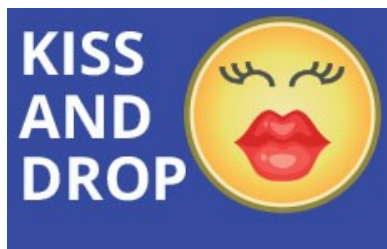
owing fees and this causes major deficits in our budget. We would like to ask parents to make arrangements with the Finance Department as soon as possible if your children are in this situation so as to avoid those students missing lessons.



Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.

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Lesson Interruptions



We would like to remind parents and guardians that lessons start at 7:30—Registration. A crucial bonding time for teacher and student.

Please do not delay the students from starting their day. If you wish to speak with the teachers; ensure you are at their door prior to 7:30 or schedule a time for end of day either

through the office or send an sms to the teacher. We cannot have our teachers preoccupied when their students are waiting.

We ask dearly that all parents and guardians cease from going directly to classrooms to hand over lunch, medicine, money, etc. These visits are extremely disruptive to lessons. Please go to the reception, where one of our Secretaries will take the message to the class at the right time or immediately if it is necessary. We also ask that where possible (in non-*emergency cases) parents must inform the Class teacher or Key Stage Heads by a letter or email if their

child is going to leave school prior to the end of the school day.



Please remember afternoon activities end at 15:00 - it is not fair to the children or teachers to sit and wait till early evening.

Key Stage Heads

"Leaders have the courage to make unpopular decisions and gut calls."

Jack Welch

Keeping in line with our aim of ensuring the best education and learning environment for our children, the following Key Stage Heads will be taking care of them for 2019:

Key Heads

K1—Ms Sharon

K2—Ms Michelle



Please respect these people, they are dedicating their time to your children

and the school; while juggling responsibilities, teaching and home life.

They are always willing to help solve a problem and to assist in finding solutions.

Important Dates!



21st January – First day of school

29th January – Grade 7/New parent Orientation

4th February – Public Holiday (no lessons)

25th February – K1 Parents Day

27th February— K2 Parents Day

28th February – Half-term holiday

1st March – Half-term holiday

11th March—Picture day (to be confirmed)

1st April—K1 Easter Hat parade

8th April—Holiday (7th Mozambicans Woman's Day)

9th April – K1 Swimming Gala (date subject to change)

10th April—K2 Swimming Gala (date subject to change)

9th to 12th April – All classes end at 12:55Hrs, there will be no afternoon classes in this final week.

12th April – Last day of school for students

Children
are not things
to be moulded,
but people
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair

Closing Statements:


The beginning of the year always creates a feeling of insecurity for children, parents and educators. The best way we can deal with these insecurities are to face them, accept them and work on them. Find, seek and discover solutions - there is always a way!

We know this has not been a smooth transition into 2019 and we apologise for the inconvenience; but there is always a "light at the end of the tunnel".

Celebrate this start of 2019—you will never experience another like it. It has been a spectacular start to the year;

1. Primary schools have received the Cambridge textbooks!
2. We have classrooms being built
3. We have new teachers, who bring new ideas, methodologies and skills to our teams and family.
4. We have a year of opportunity to make a difference.

What more could we ask for, it is going to be a great year and we look forward to taking this journey with you.



OUR EYES ARE IN FRONT
BECAUSE IT'S MORE IMPORTANT
TO LOOK AHEAD THAN TO LOOK
BACK. DON'T DWELL ON THING
IN THE PAST. LEARN FROM THEM
AND KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

