

PROSPECTUS:

FLEDGLINGS

At Fledglings we cater for 4 & 5 year olds in a warm, stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to work at their own pace towards their own potential. By limiting the size of each of these classes, our well-qualified educators are able to give each learner individual attention.

Essential life skills are developed through discussion and the opportunity for experimentation and discovery. We continually provide stimulation for the development of fine and gross motor control, visual and auditory perception and body and spatial awareness. We never lose sight of the fact that creativity is more important than the final result. We work from the known to the unknown. The daily programme includes:

- theme related discussion;
- language and maths concept development;
- a wide range of creative activities;
- music and movement;
- construction;
- fantasy play;
- perceptual games;
- stories.

The role of play is vital to a child's social integration and physical development, so our timetable allows sufficient time, both indoors and out, for this. Children are also taken on at least one educational excursion per term.

By developing in the child a positive self-image, we aim to promote independence, self-confidence and self-sufficiency. We emphasise the social skills of etiquette, friendship, courtesy, empathy, sharing, co-operation and justice. These skills enable our learners to enjoy their year in the Reception Phase.

During the school morning the following optional extra-mural activities are offered by outside professionals: Music Enrichment, Playball and Click-a-Mouse.

We have regular fundraisers, a school concert and our end of year nativity plays.

The Fledglings year introduces the child to the joy of learning and provides a sound foundation for future education.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school and hope that our association will be happy and productive.

School Hours

The official school hours are 08:00 - 12:15. The gate is opened at 07:45 every morning to accommodate working parents. Please note that the classrooms are out of bounds until this time. Even though the educators get there earlier, they need time to prepare their classrooms without interruptions from excited little people or having to attend to injuries. Learners must be at school no later than 08:15 so as not to disrupt school routine. Please collect your child promptly at 12:15 because the classrooms have to be prepared for the After School Centre.

Fledglings follows Kenridge Primary School's calendar. School starts on Wednesday, 19 January 2011. For the first two weeks the hours will be shorter to give our new learners a chance to adjust to the school morning.

1 st week	:	08:00 - 11:00	(19 January - 21 January)
2 nd week	:	08:00 - 11:30	(24 January - 28 January)
3 rd week & onwards	:	08:00 - 12:15	(31 January - December)

After School Centre

A limited number of vacancies are available at this facility. Please direct all enquiries to Petra Gustafson ☎ 021 976 4048.

Money Matters

Your account will be debited with R50,00 on 01 March and 01 August respectively to cover the cost of baking requirements for 2011. If at any stage you are required to issue a cheque to us, it **MUST** be made out to **Kenridge Primary**. A note of any money sent to school must be made in the message book. The teacher's signature against this will indicate receipt thereof.

Parking

Access to Kenridge Fledglings is from the large car park off Lower Tygerbergvalley Road. Please ensure that the gate is always closed behind you. Driving into the school grounds is not permitted.

Requirements for 1st day:

- A rigid plastic suitcase, **A3** in size or a 3 division Junior briefcase is required. Bags, rucksacks and pull-alongs are not allowed.
- The message book should please be covered in attractive paper. Place the supplied label on the top left hand corner and then cover the book in contact.
- Please supply 2 identical face cloths: EMBROIDERED with the child's full name and first letter of the surname. They also need a short, strong hanging loop. Please prepare your child for leaving these at school.
- R30 for a flip-file and the message book: in a sealed envelope and noted in the message book.
- A change of clothing in case of spills: a set of old clothes in a zip-lock type bag and clearly marked. Please remember to replace clothes used and substitute for change of seasons.
- A healthy teatime snack.

Snack Time

Please remember that this is a tea time snack and not a main lunch. The emphasis is on teaching healthy eating habits.

We suggest brown bread sandwiches, plain Marie or Tennis biscuits, bran muffins, fresh fruit and vegetables, nuts, cheese, viennas, biltong or dried fruit. Contents of mini packets must be pre-empted into lunch boxes.

The following are not allowed:

- Cakes (including chocolate muffins), sweets, Super C's, Tinkies, any biscuits with sweet fillings.
- Yoghurt, fizzy drinks or fizzy flavoured water.
- Flasks or any bottle that does not have a tight, screw on lid.

Other requirements:

- NO toys may be brought to school. Theme related stories are always welcome, as too are children's music and story tapes.
- "Bare foot is best!" If, however, your child needs to wear something to school please ensure that it is sandals, slops or Wellington boots. It is a Fledgling rule that at no time during the year may lace-ups be worn to school (children in this age group cannot easily manage their own laces).
- Fledglings T-shirts and tracksuit tops are available from the school shop. These T-shirts must be worn on all school outings and on Thursdays. Tracksuits are the winter outing uniform. Contact the shop (☎ 021 976 3046) for prices and availability.
- Wellington boots are compulsory for wet and cold weather.

Parent Information Evening

There will be a meeting for all parents early in the new year. This will be the only formal meeting of the year and it is essential that at least one parent of each learner attend.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2011. In the meantime, should you have any queries please contact us.