

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 bi-annual fundraisers, a tea and song morning for the mums and grans and, the highlight of our year, our end of year nativity concert.

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 aftercare learners.

Fledglings follows Kenridge Primary School's calendar. School starts on Wednesday, 13 January 2010. 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	(13 January - 15 January)
2 nd week	:	08:00 - 11:30	(18 January - 22 January)
3 rd week & onwards	:	08:00 - 12:15	(25 January - December)

Aftercare

A limited number of Aftercare vacancies are available. Please direct all enquiries to Lorna Rutter ☎ 021 976 4048.

Money Matters

Your account will be debited with R60,00 on 01 March and 01 August respectively to cover the cost of baking requirements for 2010. 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 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 message book will be issued to you on Orientation morning. Please cover it in attractive paper and contact.
- A rigid plastic or cardboard suitcase, A3 in size. Junior briefcases - 3 division - are ideal and are available at Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket. Bags and rucksacks are not allowed as they are awkward to unpack and precious art work emerges as a crumpled mess.
- 2 identical face cloths - fairly distinctive, clearly and permanently marked with your child's name and with a good strong hanging loop.
- A change of clothing in case of spills. (A set of old clothes in a clear zip-lock type packet, clearly marked, that can be stored in the Wendy house for the year). Please remember to replace when used.
- A healthy teatime snack. Remember that it is a tea snack and not a main lunch. The emphasis is on teaching healthy habits. We suggest brown bread sandwiches, Marie or Tennis biscuits, fresh fruit and veggies, nuts, cheese etc. Food with a sweet filling or topping is not allowed. Contents of mini packets must be emptied into lunch boxes. Food that makes a mess like yoghurt, drinks with pull-off lids, fizzy drinks or flasks is not allowed.

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 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 2010. In the meantime, should you have any queries please contact us.