

# HOUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for your interest in applying for a place at Houghton Primary School.

The language of learning and teaching at Houghton Primary is English (First Language) and Afrikaans (First Additional Language).

**At HOUGHTON SCHOOL we believe in the total education of the child** i.e. intellectual, physical, cultural, social and spiritual, as well as fostering leadership growth.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that creating the correct atmosphere is important for the social, academic, cultural, spiritual and physical development of each child. This all rounded approach helps integrate our pupils successfully into the community at large.

We are committed to:

- Having respect for others by respecting ourselves
- Developing academic potential
- Academic self-reliance
- The development of the whole person
- Creative and caring environments
- Sportsmanship and fair play
- Developing leadership skills
- The fostering and development of inherent gifts and abilities
- Tolerance of different cultures, experiences and views

These aims can only be realised with the full support and involvement of everybody at HOUGHTON SCHOOL, including the parents.

## THE STAFF

The Staff at HOUGHTON SCHOOL are responsible for the efficient and effective running of the School in all its facets - in the classroom, culturally and extra-murally. We are a child centred body and any decisions taken are always for the benefit of our pupils. Interviews can be arranged with your child 's teacher before or after school hours, to discuss your child's progress or any problems. We are always available to discuss any problem concerning your child 's Work/ Homework/Behaviour/Attitude, and will always do everything in our power to assist you.

## THE PUPILS

Our pupils are most important and form the focal point of our day-to-day school life.

### TODAYS PUPILS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

HOUGHTON SCHOOL strives to be a community in which:

Justice prevails - Where every person is considered and treated equally

Equity - is cherished and each contribution is important and respected

Integrity - is maintained and honesty in relationships is encouraged

Full participation - is promoted and opportunities are created for everyday involvement

Inclusion - is emphasised as each member of HOUGHTON SCHOOL is made to feel that they belong

## PARENT ACTIVITIES

We want and encourage all our Parents to be involved as much as they are able, to fulfil our triangular relationship of Parents, School and Child.

THE GOVERNING BODY represents the Parent community of our School. Members are elected every three years to give guidance regarding the School's buildings, grounds and other related matters. Members are also involved with the very important task of making recommendations in regard to Staffing and Finances.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils are required to wear school uniform at all times.

Stockists: **McCullagh & Bothwell**, Sacred Heart College, 15 Eckstein Street, Observatory. Tel: (011) 487 -0197  
**Squires of Yeoville** 63B Raleigh Street, Yeoville. Tel: (011) 648 9180

## SWOP SHOP

Mrs. Saladino (who works in the Office) endeavours to assist with the provision of used School clothing at most reasonable prices. If you have items of School clothing that are too small, but still in good condition, use the SWOP SHOP each weekday, between 8.00 and 13.30.

## TUCK SHOP

Our TUCK SHOP makes fresh wholesome rolls and toasted sandwiches daily, which are available during first break. Sweets, cold drinks, crisps etc. are available during second break and after school.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Houghton Primary School is a public, Section 21 school and the **payment of school fees is compulsory.**

## **AFTER CARE**

HOUGHTON SCHOOL has an excellent AFTER CARE facility at the school to assist working parents, offering teacher controlled homework and play supervision both during school terms and holidays.

### **Periods and Times of the After Care Centre**

- School terms: Monday to Friday from the close of the School until 17:30 sharp,
- School holidays: From 7.30 till 17:30. School holidays will be in accordance with the prescribed school holidays as laid down by the Gauteng Department of Education.
- The Centre is not open during recognised Public holidays.
- The Centre will close from the Friday nearest to 16 December until the first day of school in January.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

Children should be at school by 7.30 am every morning.

Gr R, Gr 1 and Gr 2 finish at 1 pm

Grade 3 finish at 1.20

Grade 4-7 finish at 2 pm every day and 13.30 on a Friday.

## **GATE CLASS**

Educators are on duty for Gr R-3 every day until 13.50 when the Gr 4-7 learners finish. Children not collected immediately go to Gate Class to wait for their transport. Any children still in Gate Class at 2.30 will be charged per day. If parents know they are going to be late, they are able to make arrangements with Aftercare where they will be charged a daily rate and the child will receive a cooked lunch and homework supervision.

## **SCHOOL HOUSES**

We have four houses at our School, and families are kept together. They are as follows:

ELAND – Blue KUDU – Yellow IMPALA- Red SABLE - Green

## **NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATOR/WEBSITE**

The School produces a general Newsletter approximately every second week. This is sent home to parents via the children. Please read it carefully as it contains important information, and is our way of communicating with you.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

We have implemented a Code of Conduct, which has been approved by the Gauteng Department of Education. Please see front of Diary for Code of Conduct.

## **SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

Houghton Primary Schools follows the Gauteng Department of Education CAPS Curriculum.

## **HOMEWORK**

A HOMEWORK timetable is given to each class at the beginning of the year

While parents are encouraged to guide and assist their children where necessary, please remember the purpose of Homework is to teach children to think and act for themselves. This is negated when parents "HELP" their children by doing the homework for them.

## **TESTS and EXAMINATIONS**

OBJECTIVES of EVALUATION and TESTING

- a) To assess how the pupil is progressing, not only within a subject, but also emotionally and intellectually as well.
- b) To assess how successfully a teacher has taught and to identify any weaknesses on his/her part.
- c) To establish which children need extra help and what kind of help is required.
- d) To get to know the children, where their strengths and weaknesses lie and how to extend and enrich them.

## **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES**

Every child is encouraged to participate in EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES, as this is a part of a child's education and growth to adulthood, as well as improving his sociability skills.

**Activities offered are:** Football; Netball; Tennis; Cricket; Chess; Swimming; Athletics; Orchestra; Balls skills; Remedial  
**Private lessons** (parents are liable for payment of tuition) Swimming; Cricket; Football; Ballet; Tennis; Music.

## **CONCLUSION**

We at HOUGHTON SCHOOL, feel we have much to offer your child! We hope that he/she will take full advantage of all we have to offer and consequently grow from strength to strength, fully equipped to face the future. Your child's determination to make a positive contribution to school life will ensure a relationship of mutual benefit and lasting value.

***Our school motto is "WE LEARN. WE GROW"***