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Dear Parents

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I have several issues that I need to get off my chest, so please bear with me.

BEFORE I start with the issues bugging me, I want to make it very clear that **most of our parents** really pull their weight, and we want to thank you for adhering to what is expected of you as a Kiddies Heaven Parent. **THANK YOU!**

We are a Kiddies Heaven family, and we must abide to certain rules to make it work for everyone. We need to respect each other and support each other. We do have an open-door policy and you are welcome to make an appointment to come and see me if something is bothering you. It is no use bad-mouthing Kiddies Heaven (you are talking about your child's school) if we are not aware of what is bugging you. I also believe if you hear or see something you do not like, address the issue immediately with the necessary respect.

PARKING: All our Centers are in neighborhoods where we need to take our neighbours into consideration, that is the agreement we have with the Municipality. In every newsletter I ask that you must park in the right direction and not to turn in the neighbour's driveways, sadly this is not happening.

At Newton, if the space is occupied in front of the Center, kindly park on the area between our Center and the School.

Keep the **music down** when you fetch or drop your child, it is really a disturbance, and we need to respect each other in this regard too.

SICK CHILDREN: This is becoming a problem with winter knocking at our door. There are still parents sending sick children to creche. **PLEASE** it is unacceptable.

At Kiddies Heaven we work with a lot of children daily where we, as staff, try our best to let the child play, learn and interact with others in a safe, healthy and clean environment. We are still following all the Covid-19 regulations (sanitizing and disinfecting) the only thing that changed is the paperwork that we do not have to do anymore.

It all comes down to me; facing upset parents that really play their part by keeping their children at home when they sick. They feel very unhappy when other parents do not do the same and I support their view 100%. If your child is sick and you take him/her to a doctor, ask the doctor for a sick note with the date the child is allowed back into the creche environment. Keep me or the teacher informed if it is something we should bring to the attention of the parents of the other children in his/her class. Unfortunately, children get sick.

I feel we are all adults and parents to amazing children, and we should know when we put other children in harm's way, referring to illness. Don't do to other children/parents what you do not want for your own little one or yourself. Let us work together and respect each other's situation, please. Also let us know when you keep your child at home, or if your child will not be attending creche.

SNACK TIME: Only on a Monday you may pack ONE treat. Imagine all children with a healthy lunch box and one child with sweets and treats...it is not fair. Adhere to our rules please.

PARTIES: Stick to a Friday as far as possible.

TOYS: It is very simple – **NO** toys may be brought to school.

UNDERWEAR: Panties and undies – stick to plain colours - **not** Disney Characters, that they can wear at home and on weekends. Children are innocent and think nothing of showing their friends what they are wearing.

NO ENTRY: At this stage we still do not allow parents to enter our premises. It is not fair to other parents if you feel it is your right to enter and they not allowed to, and it is also not fair to the children if they see one child's parent enter and their parents may not. PLEASE BE PATIENT we will soon get back to normal.

FEES: Kiddies Heaven is NOT a charity; we are a private institution AND we run a successful creche with a big demand in our community. We can only render a SUPERB service if our parents play their part. It was your choice to enroll your child with us (and we are very grateful for it), but you knew very well what it will cost you per month. If you fall behind it is just so much more difficult to catch up and then we end up looking like the fools, trusting you to keep to your promises and we end up being the villains. It is also not easy for Pete to budget if the income falls short.

You have a contract, make 100% sure you know what it entails. Surely you must make us a beneficiary and know what the creche fee is, if not PLEASE do it. I am not always able to immediately give you what you want from me, e.g., bank details or the amount you need to pay. Go to the bank and create a debit order then we will never have a problem with late or non-payments.

We have **incidents** every now and then and we go about it in the following way:

The teacher will take a photo, dot the incident down in the incident journal – date, time, etc. and call the parent. If it is serious, we will get Care 4 You to assist or we will take the child to the hospital and meet you there. Accidents happen and our staff are hands-on with the protocols. Fortunately, and with the Grace of God, this doesn't often happen.



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On a less serious note, I would like to share the following with you:

7 MAY 2022: KIDDIES HEAVEN'S BIRTHDAY COLOUR FEST STYLE

You are welcome to invite family and friends to this event on the 7th of May. It will be held at N.J. Heyns' Schoolgrounds.

COSTS: R120 per child, adults for free. **ENTRANCE:** Every child will receive an armband a day before, as proof of payment and to allow the kids on the rides, etc.

All Kiddies Heaven Children **MUST PLEASE** pay the R120's by the 3d of May.

WHY and WHAT IS THE R120 FOR?

I must pay the following with the money and the aim of the money is to have a family fun day and unfortunately it costs money.

What must be paid?

Use of the schoolgrounds. Service Providers, e.g., medals must be made, renting of the jumping castles, - "train", -pony, buying and preparing powder paint for the colour fest, - red carpet for the modelling, baby play area and racecourse, obstacle course and the list goes on.

ATHLETICS:

The Athletics will take place behind the car park on the grass between the office block and the classrooms.

We will **start** the day at **08:30** with our annual Kiddies Heaven Athletics-Sport event.

Please be on time – at the latest 08:15.

Dress code: WHITE t-shirt (ready for the colour-fest) and any colour shorts.

PROGRAM:

1. Gummi's
2. Cubs – Johanna and Maria's Parents with their children (bring prams)
3. Cubs – Olivia and Anna's Parents with their children
4. Barney
5. Bear
6. Tigger



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We urgently need your help with the following:

1. RAFFLE LIST: due on the 3d of May.

This is our actual fundraising effort. The fun day usually costs more money than what we budget for. **THANK YOU** for selling tickets and helping to get prizes. We have a lot of prizes thus far, but the more we have the more we can give.

Lastly, if every parent can give ONE item for the hamper gifts it will be great, and we can enjoy a festive draw with a myriad of prize winners.

I will need the prizes, vouchers, and hamper items by Tuesday the 25th.

2. MARKET DAY

If you would like to run a stall: contact Cassi – 082 839 7237

Costs: R150 and R200 if you need electricity. You pay for it on the day.

3. MODELLING

CONTACT PERSON: René – 083 284 6396

Our kiddies can participate in a red-carpet walk “modelling” just to boost confidence. This will take place between 11:30 and 12:00 – it will be your responsibility to get your little one ready if you want him/her to participate. Every child will receive a certificate for participation.

4. GOLF

PSG is the MAIN sponsor of the day. I need the names of the 4-ball or just your name if you are interested in playing, by Friday, the 22nd.

COSTS: R400 for a 4-ball or R100 pp.

Start time: 10H00 on the N.J. Heyns Golf Mashe – although you need to be there by 9H30

BRING YOUR OWN COOLBOX AND GLASSES – no liquor will be sold on the premises.

Typical golf rules: **NO** late entries will be excepted.

The aim of the day is for parents and children to have fun, and it is up to you to make the best of it.

