SCHOOL FEES – DE AAR HIGH SCHOOL – 2024

School fees Annexure A - 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

You must keep Annexures A and B for reference purposes, but you must please complete in full, sign and return Annexure C to the school, IN PERSON.

This document contains <u>very important information</u> and you as parent/legal guardian <u>must</u> <u>study it carefully</u>, complete the acknowledgement of receipt at the bottom of Annexure C and bring it back to the school <u>in person</u> before/on <u>Monday</u>, <u>6 November 2023</u>.

- A <u>separate</u> form must be completed <u>for every child enrolled at De Aar High School</u>. Acknowledgement of receipt (Annexure C) must be returned to the school before/on Monday, 6 November 2023. Failing to do so timeously, will result in your child <u>not being allowed at De Aar High School on 17 January 2024 due to incomplete documentation</u>. We cannot update our system without your help in this regard. <u>This include the proof of your physical address, not older than 6 months. The information on Annexure B contains legal aspects that must be studied very carefully.</u>
- 1.2 The school fees for 2024 is the following:
- 1.2.1 The school fees for 2024 is R13 950.00 per annum per learner, and the full school fees amount is payable before/on 28 February 2024. The Governing Body is however, willing to accommodate you with the payment as set out below.
- 1.2.2 In 2023 the NCDE allocated only R22 936.00 for text books and writing books, R21 661.00 for photo copies (paper), and R0.00 for other copy-work. According to the school's budget for 2024, the amount for text books will be R15 000.00, R26 000.00 for writing books, R28 500.00 for photo copies (paper), and R50 000.00 for other copywork. The total budgeted amount is R119 500.00 against an allocation of R44 597.00. To enable the Governing Body to provide your child from day one with this much needed material, the first monthly school fee payment of R1 395.00 is compulsory for everyone and payable BEFORE/ON 17 January 2024, REGARDLESS OF THE OPTION YOU CHOOSE. Please plan and provide for this first compulsory payment in 2023 if necessary.
- 1.2.3 All school fees for the REST of the year (i.e. R13 950.00 R1 395.00 payable before/on 17 January 2024 = R12 555.00), is payable BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024 (i.e. the amount must reflect in the school's bank account BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024). If you pay the total school fees BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024, you will receive R300.00 discount, i.e. R13 650.00 in total payable BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024 (i.e. the amount must reflect in the school's bank account BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024).

ONCE-OFF PAYMENT OPTION therefore looks like this: Payable in 2 (two) parts:

- R1 395.00 BEFORE/ON 17 January 2024 (this applies to EVERYONE, including those who choose this option), and R12 255.00 BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024 (i.e. the amount must reflect in the school's bank account BEFORE/ON 28 February 2024).
- 1.2.4 The following method of payment will also be accepted by the Governing Body for the remaining amount of school fees (R13 950.00 R1 395.00 payable before/on 17 January 2024 = R12 555.00) if that option was exercised by you: Nine equal monthly payments of R1 395.00 (R13 950.00 R1 395.00 payable before/on 17 January 2024 = R12 555.00 ÷ 9 months) payable from your January 2024 salary until your September 2024 salary, i.e. before/on the 7th of the next month. The total school fees must be paid in full by 7 October 2024 (The handing over process for school fees in arrears for 90 days or more, still applies and get preference).

MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION therefore looks like this:

Payable in 10 (ten) parts, but over 9 (nine) months.

January 2024: R1 395.00 BEFORE/ON 17 January 2024 (please provide in 2023 already if necessary), and

R1 395.00 from your January 2024 salary (not later than 7 February 2024), i.e.

R2 790.00 in total for January 2024.

February 2024: R1 395.00 from your February 2024 salary (not later than 7 March 2024).

March 2024: R1 395.00 from your March 2024 salary (not later than 7 April 2024).

April 2024: R1 395.00 from your April 2024 salary (not later than 7 May 2024).

May 2024: R1 395.00 from your May 2024 salary (not later than 7 June 2024).

June 2024: R1 395.00 from your June 2024 salary (not later than 7 July 2024).

July 2024: R1 395.00 from your July 2024 salary (not later than 7 August 2024).

August 2024: R1 395.00 from your August 2024 salary (not later than 7 September 2024).

September 2024: R1 395.00 from your September 2024 salary (not later than 7 October 2024).

- 1.2.5 Should your account fall into a <u>position of 90 (ninety) days (3 [three] months) in arrears</u> during any time of the year, you will be <u>handed over</u> to the attorneys for the outstanding school fees, for the <u>REST of the year</u>. <u>If you do not respect the Governing Body's concession for payment, you will forfeit your option for the installment, and the full outstanding school fees amount for the REST OF THE YEAR will be handed over to our attorneys. The amount handed over for the REST OF THE YEAR, AS WELL AS attorney's fees and interest, must then be paid at the attorneys, and NOT at the school.</u>
- 1.2.6 You as parent(s)/guardian(s) decide by yourself how you are going to pay. The option that you will exercise here, will be binding for follow-up purposes. (SCHOOL FEES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.) 2% Monthly interest will be charged on all outstanding amounts from 1 February 2024 (30 [thirty] days in arrears). Interest is calculated from the first day of the month until the last day of the month, and is added to your account on the first business day of the next month. If you made a payment at the end of the month, but the payment reflects in the school's banking account in the next month, interest on arrears will be added to your account. Please ensure you pay timeously.
- 1.2.7 SCHOOL FEES ARE COMPULSORY AND ENFORCEABLE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR SCHOOL FEE
 STATEMENT EVERY MONTH, AND TO ENSURE IT IS PAID UP TO DATE INCLUDING OCTOBER.
- 1.2.8 THE SCHOOL'S BANKING DETAILS:

 ABSA, De Aar, branch code 632005, cheque account number 1850 390 173, reference: Your school fee account number (top right hand corner of your school fee account), name and surname of learner, grade of learner.

2. COLLECTION OF SCHOOL FEES

- 2.1 As you know, school fees are enforceable by De Aar High School, unless you qualify for full exemption. Regard this document as notification in writing that you are entitled to apply for possible exemption from school fees. Forms for this purpose must be collected <u>PERSONALLY by the parent/guardian</u> from Ms. Myburgh, and will be available from 6 November 2023 until 13:00, Monday to Friday. The <u>FULLY completed documentation</u> must reach the school on/before 16 February 2024. NO SCHOOL FEE EXEMPTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING JANUARY 2024.
- 2.2 Should your account fall into a **position of 90 (ninety) days (3 [three] months) in arrears** during any time of the year, the process with regard to collection will be initiated. (See quoted sections paragraph 5 Annexure B). All legal requirements will be complied with up to the handing over for collection by our legal representatives. **It remains your responsibility to contact the school, with the necessary evidence, if you differ from the details provided on the account.** If you do not verify your payments and query the school timeously, the school cannot be held responsible for arrear amounts handed over to the attorneys for collection. You will also be responsible for the payment of the attorney's fees and interest.
- 2.3 After this process has started, <u>NO</u> written or telephonic arrangements or promises will be accepted. Thus, make the necessary arrangements in <u>WRITING</u> during January 2024 for the regular payment of your child(ren)'s school fees to avoid handing over to our attorneys. Direct your application to: The Principal, De Aar High School.
- 2.4 By signing this document, you declare that you are familiar with the contents thereof and acknowledge receipt thereof. For any further queries, contact Ms. Myburgh at 053 631 3691, or visit her Mondays to Fridays at the school before 13:00.

3. PERSONAL DETAILS

- 3.1 You are required to notify the school immediately if any of your contact details or physical address changes. This will ensure that we can contact you in case of emergencies, and that you receive your school fees account in order to verify your payments.
- 3.2 The school fee form Addendum C, <u>MUST</u> contain the details of <u>BOTH</u> biological parents/guardians and <u>MUST</u> be signed by <u>BOTH</u> biological parents/guardians. Incomplete forms will not be accepted, therefore we request that you ensure that the form is <u>fully completed</u> and that the necessary <u>evidence of residence (not older than 6 months) is attached.</u>

3.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The school fee accounts will be E-MAILED TO ALL PARENTS. Please ensure that you complete your e-mail address(es) on the school fees form, and that it is LEGIBLE and CORRECT. Please also ensure that you receive your account every month. Otherwise you must collect a statement at the school. IT REMAINS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS PARENT/GUARDIAN.

4. ADVICE TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL POSITION AND KEEP SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS UP TO DATE

We are fully aware that every parent/guardian desires the best for their child. Therefore it is important that you carefully and cautiously plan and budget, in order to sustain a healthy relationship.

The following tips are contributors to your child's education and future:

- 4.1 Get your monthly school fee account, January September, and verify your payments on the account.
- 4.2 It remains your responsibility to contact the school, with the necessary evidence, if you differ from the details provided on the account.
- 4.3 In case you cannot visit the school on time, a standing/stop order can be signed at your bank. However, the first deduction (second payment) should be from your January salary in order to avoid arrears.
- 4.4 Alternatively, choose a recurring/future dated payment on your internet banking.
- 4.5 Please confirm that your school fee account number shows as reference on the school bank statement.
- 4.6 Please ensure that your payment is deducted on your bank statement and not returned, and left unpaid.
- 4.7 Note that an unexpected bonus can provide financial relief if applied for payment of school fees (partially or the total sum).
- 4.8 Draw up a budget for income and expenses, and discipline yourself to keep to it.
- 4.9 Continually revise your budget and limit or eliminate unnecessary expenses.
- 4.10 Plan ahead and anticipate large financial obligations.
- 4.11 If you timeously keep to your school fees account, you actually save on unnecessary interest and handing over expenses.
- 4.13 Handing over expenses currently minimum estimated as follows (but not limited to): Instruction fees +- R345.00, summons between R300.00 and R900.00, sheriff's fee: R250.00 R500.00 per visit, judgement R441.00, Article 65a2 letter: R89.20, sheriff's service for court appearance R250 and certificate R81.65, Article 65a1: R500.00 R700.00, undertaking to pay form +/- R139.72, warrant of execution of assets +/- R301.30, garnishee order R232.30 and certificate R81.65, and interest.

School fees Annexure B - 2024

5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – SCHOOL FEES: DE AAR HIGH SCHOOL

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"In terms of Article 39 a parent or legal guardian is responsible for the payment of school fees, unless and to the extent that a parent is exempted from payment in terms of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996.

A public school may enforce the payment of school fees by parents, responsible in terms of Article 40, through legal process, should it be found that a parent does not qualify for exemption of the payment of school fees.

A public school may act if and when -

- (a) the school can provide proof that a written notification was delivered to the parent by hand or registered mail* and that the parent failed to apply for exemption** as stated in Article 39, and
- (b) despite the notification in paragraph (a), the parent fails to pay school fees*** after a period of three months after the date of the notification."
- including SMS messages
- ** or if exemption was not granted or partially granted
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- **SO,** should you need financial assistance, please take note of the following very important information:
- 5.1 Application must be made for every new school year.
- 5.2 Only parents or legal guardians (as per admission forms) may direct an application for the exemption of school fees to the chairperson of the SGB. This may mean complete, partial, conditional or no exemption of school fees.
- 5.3 You must obtain the application forms in person from the office of Ms. Myburgh where you must complete and sign a checklist. Application forms will NOT be given to the learner(s) or other parties. To protect your privacy and receive undivided attention for your application, you are requested to contact Ms. Myburgh to make an appointment.
- 5.4 Departmental forms (Annexures A, B and C) will then be provided to you <u>in person</u>, as well as an application form for school fee exemption. The forms must be completed <u>IN FULL</u>, and <u>all the necessary supporting documents must accompany your application. NO SCHOOL FEE EXEMPTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING JANUARY 2024.</u>
- 5.5 Your application will be considered incomplete if all the information of **both biological parents** are not attached, whether the parents are divorced or estranged, or never married, a parent pays or receives maintenance, a parent does not have contact with the other parent, or whatever the circumstances may be otherwise.
- 5.6 The SGB cannot process incomplete applications. You are personally responsible for the obtaining, completion and handing in of your application. It is very important that you read it very <u>CAREFULLY</u>, and ensure that you hand in a <u>FULLY COMPLETED</u> application. Incomplete applications <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted. <u>Applications may not be delivered</u> by the learner(s) or other parties. The school does not accept any responsibility for applications not handed in by <u>yourself.</u> You must hand in your <u>COMPLETE</u> application personally and sign for it on the checklist mentioned above.
- 5.7 <u>FULLY COMPLETED</u> applications must be handed in at De Aar High School by <u>no later than FRIDAY, 16 February 2024</u>. Applications must be processed for discussion at the Financial Committee and SGB meetings. It is therefore important to hand in your application timeously. <u>NO SCHOOL FEE EXEMPTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING JANUARY 2024</u>.
- 5.8 If you fail to hand in your FULLY COMPLETED application timeously, and neglect to pay the school fees, the handing over process will be followed.
- 5.9 The SGB will consider your application and notify you with their decision in writing within 30 (thirty) days.
- 5.10 The original forms remain in the possession of the school and a copy is sent to the Department of Education.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Should you wish to apply for school fees exemption, <u>Annexure C MUST STILL BE COMPLETED IN FULL, SIGNED AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE SCHOOL IN PERSON</u>. If your application for exemption is declined or partially granted, your choice indicated at paragraph 6.2 will be applied.

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