

LEARNER LATENESS POLICY

PREAMBLE

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Section F – Paragraph 18 states:

“A parent is expected to ensure that the learner attends school daily, on time and for the whole school day unless there is a valid reason for absence.”

At Parkside Primary, the following will apply.

1. A learner will be deemed late for school if he/she is not seated at Line-Up when the school bell rings at 07:35.

2. The following will apply if a learner is late for school:

2.1. On the first occasion, the learner will receive a warning letter addressed to the parent/legal guardian, informing them that if their child/ward is late on 3 occasions, the child will receive detention.

2.2. On the third occasion of the learner being late, he/she will receive detention.

2.3. On the fourth occasion, the learner will be sent home, irrespective of what work, assessments, outing, sport is/are scheduled for the day.

Assessments will be rescheduled for the day the learner returns to school.

2.4. A learner will be sent home on every occasion that he/she is late thereafter.

3. The above sanctions will apply for a specific term only. The “slate will be wiped clean” at the end of the term. The above process will be applied again at the beginning of each new school term.

4. The school will give due consideration to learners who arrive late on mornings where there is a back-up of traffic, inclement weather or any other extraordinary circumstances affecting the majority of learners at school.

5. NB. Individual requests for concessions will not be entertained, irrespective of the validity of reasons given for not being able to ensure that a learner arrives by the regulated time to school.

6. The following measures will apply if this behaviour persists:

6.1. Parental Intervention

6.2. The learner could be given community service

6.3. The learner could be given principal's detention

6.4. The learner and his/her parents/legal guardian could appear before the School Governing Body who will then decide how to discipline the learner.

6.5. Request by the school for the Department of Education to discipline the learner.