

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



Effective communication is a cornerstone of a thriving school community, and its importance in St. Nicholas School cannot be overstated. The quality of communication directly impacts the teaching and learning experience throughout the academic year for our girls and boys. Here are a few important reasons why good communication is essential:

1. **Understanding and Clarity:** Clear communication ensures that everyone – girls, boys, teachers, parents, and staff - has a shared understanding of expectations, assignments, educational goals and systems that are put in place. This clarity minimizes confusion and fosters an environment where learning objectives are well-defined and understood.
2. **Parent-Teacher Collaboration:** Strong communication between teachers and parents establishes a partnership in the educational journey of our girls and boys. Regular updates on academic progress, behaviour, and school activities allow parents to be actively involved in their children's education at St. Nicholas Diocesan School, creating a supportive home learning environment.
3. **Learner Engagement and Motivation:** When children are aware of the learning objectives, expectations, and relevance of their studies, they are more likely to be engaged and motivated. Effective communication helps to convey the importance of education, encouraging children to take an active role in their learning.
4. **Timely Intervention and Support:** Good communication enables early detection of any challenges children may be facing. Teachers and parents can collaborate to provide timely interventions and support, ensuring that children receive the help they need to overcome obstacles and succeed academically.
5. **Community Building:** A strong sense of community is fostered through effective communication. Regular updates on school events, achievements, and shared goals create a sense of belonging among children, teachers, and parents, enhancing the overall school experience.
6. **Crisis Management:** In times of unexpected events or crises, clear communication is crucial. Whether it's a sudden change in the programme, safety concerns, or unforeseen challenges, effective communication ensures that all stakeholders are informed promptly and can respond appropriately.

In essence, good communication is the foundation upon which a successful and supportive educational community is built. It promotes transparency, trust, and collaboration, creating an environment where effective teaching and meaningful learning can flourish throughout the school year.

I appeal to all parents to read **ALL** communication sent from the school. I encourage all parents to be part of the class WhatsApp groups, send in their correct email addresses and make use of the St. Nicholas D6 communicator. Please reach out to your child's class teacher should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's well-being at St. Nicholas diocesan school.

I look forward to meeting you this afternoon and on Tuesday during our Parent Contact Evenings.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamal Rugbar'.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

# PARENT CONTACT EVENING'S

We have two Parent Contact Evening's scheduled as follows:

## Pre-Primary to Grade 3

Date : Monday, 22 January 2024

Time :17h30

Venue : St. Nicholas School hall

Tea : 17h00

Parking : Jabu Ndlovu Street (Car Guards will be in attendance)

Ending : 18h30 (Front Office gate will close at 18h40 for security reasons)

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## Grade 4 to Grade 7

Date : Tuesday, 23 January 2024

Time :17h30

Venue : St. Nicholas School hall

Tea : 17h00

Parking : Jabu Ndlovu Street (Car Guards will be in attendance)

Ending : 18h30 (Front Office gate will close at 18h40 for security reasons)

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**“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations”**

Bob Beauprez