2027 PROSPECTUS & REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. PROFILE

Celebrating 15 years of existence, Solid Beginnings School is an extension of ***Solid Beginnings Nursery and Day Care,*** a registered independent school offering Grades R-7, which is committed to providing an education that exceeds the expected standard. We are proud to use the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) Syllabus, a comprehensive and well-respected curriculum. We believe in enriching this syllabus with rich learning resources to ensure our students receive a high-quality education. Our school was developed to meet community needs**, providing our pupils with a solid foundation and a high standard of education**. We aim to minimise disruption to parents and children in the foundation, intermediate and senior phases. In this process, we integrate children from other preschools and schools, helping them excel in their academic and extramural activities.

Solid Beginnings has **three models** as indicated below:

i. **The pre-school** accommodating children ***from three months*** to Grade R and,

ii. **The primary school**, currently offering **GRADE 1-7** presently focuses on primary school with a short-term vision to grow into Grades 8-12 soon **and**

iii. **Registered and accredited Further Education and Training (FET) institute** currently offering ECD Level 4, Computer and other courses.

2. MISSION STATEMENT -To provide **quality education** to pupils, giving them **individual attention** and **promoting independent thinking and meaningful learning, thus** enabling the children to **excel in their academic and extra-mural activities**.

3. VISION - To grow into a group of schools and be the best private school in and outside South Africa up to grade 12, providing quality education in a Christian and caring environment, molding children into independent and creative thinkers who seek to extend themselves aesthetically; culturally; intellectually; socially, emotionally; physically and spiritually.

4. PRINCIPAL AND THE TEACHING STAFF - Dr Faith Nharara, the esteemed founder and principal of the Solid Beginnings Institute, is a teacher by profession with over **17 years of teaching experience. Her passion for education and her extensive education leadership and management** roles in the field have led her to become a researcher and vocal advocate for quality education. Dr Nharara's love for the education sector inspired her to conduct research on compliance management challenges in private education settings. This research resulted in the groundbreaking *Ten-Nodal Point Regulatory Compliance Framework*, a tool designed to enhance the quality of school environments through regulatory compliance.

At solid Beginnings School, we are proud to have a team of dedicated and qualified teachers who strive for excellence and possess relevant teaching qualifications and experience.

5. ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR GRADE 1-7 CHILDREN

For children from other pre-schools (crèches) and schools, we conduct **compulsory assessment tests and interviews**. These tests, which are conducted **at a non-refundable R450**, are designed to ensure fairness and help us determine if the child is ready for the grade applied for. **Children from Solid Beginnings Pre-School** enrolling for Grade one won't be given assessment tests as the assessments are part of their Grade R curriculum.

For a child to be accepted for GRADE ONE the child **must be turning 7 years old or must be 7 years in the year he or she is doing Grade 1.** This age requirement is a key factor in the enrolment process. Upon registration**, R950 non-refundable enrolment fee** shall be paid, and an enrolment form shall be completed, which should be submitted together with the ***child's copy of birth certificate, immunization card, proof of residence and parent/ guardian's ID copy.***

6. LANGUAGE OF LEARNING & INSTRUCTION

Even though we embrace diversity, the language of teaching and learning is strictly English, considering that national and university examinations are mostly tested in English except for home languages. We believe that children should have a great command of the language used as a common language across cultures and in the corporate world nationally and internationally.

7. CURRICULUM & EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

The school uses the *Gauteng Department of Education (GDE)* syllabus to:

A) Provide education relevant to the national requirements. In addition to the GDE requirements, the school integrates other learning outcomes and assessments to fully maintain the high standard and quality of education it envisioned.

B) The Core assessment areas in the foundation phase as per GDE requirements Grade R – 3 (Foundation Phase) and Grades 4-7 (Intermediate and Senior Phase)

The pupils in the **Foundation Phase Grades 1-3** shall focus on the four learning areas which are-:

I. **CODING AND ROBOTICS**

II. **LITERACY (LANGUAGES) ENGLISH HOME LNGUAGE**

III. **AFRIKAANS OR ISIZULU ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES**

IV. **NUMERACY (MATHEMATICS) &**

V. **LIFE SKILLS**

RELIGIOUS STUDIES is **an additional subject** for **ALL the Grades** from **Grade R-7.**

The learners in the Grades 4-7 shall focus on

I. **CODING AND ROBOTICS**

II. **LITERACY (LANGUAGES) ENGLISH HOME LNGUAGE**

III. **AFRIKAANS OR ISIZULU ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES**

IV. **NUMERACY (MATHEMATICS)**

V. **LIFE SKILLS** (Grade 4-6) **LIFE ORIENTATION** (Grade 7)

VI. **NATURAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY**

VII. **SOCIAL SCIENCES (HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY)**

Additional Curriculum Subjects for Grade 7

I. **LIFE ORIENTATION that replaces the intermediate phase LIFE SKILLS**

II. **ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCES (EMS)**

III. **CREATIVE ARTS**

8. EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

We are a vibrant school and pride in offering holistic learning that includes sporting activities offering Athletics in the first quarter; Soccer; Netball, Basketball, Swimming, Ballet. Our Extra Mural activities include Public Speaking, Music, Choir, Debate, Spelling B, Maths Olympiad, Science Fair to mention a few.

9. LEARNER ASSESSMENTS & FEEDBACK

Learners shall be given both formal and informal assessment tasks as per the syllabus GDE curriculum requirements. Pupils shall be given progress reports every term so that parents get detailed feedback on learner performance and progress every term.

We value informative and effective feedback at Solid Beginnings; therefore, we offer additional support for children who experience learning difficulties. The extra support programmes take place after school; therefore, parents will be required to make transport arrangements for their children. The school also provides opportunities for teacher-parent consultations.

10. COMMUNICATION POLICY

The school uses WhatsApp newsletters and short text messages as a communication medium. If parents have something important to bring to the teacher's attention or the principal, it can be written in the homework book or directly called or messaged the and/or the Vice Principal on ***073 816 1170 or*** Branch Supervisor on ***083 589 2034*** and or the admin department on ***063 520 2952***. We prefer that all complaints be raised on the given numbers as the principal has too much on her plate. Please be assured that all your concerns will be addressed promptly, respecting your time and the importance of the issue.

11. NOTICE PERIOD

The school understands that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and therefore, prefers that **One Term's notice be given in case the child leaves the school**. Where it is practically impossible to give a term's notice, **at least one month's notice** should be given in the event of the child leaving the school due to unforeseen circumstances. **Should the child be withdrawn without notice, at least one-month fees should be paid.**

NB- Please note that no transfer/removal letter, progress report and or testimonial letters shall be processed without fulfilling the above notice period conditions.

12. SCHOOL RULES AND SUMMARY OF CODE OF CONDUCT

A) Emphasizing the importance of punctuality, school starts at **7:30 am. To ensure a smooth start to the day,** we kindly request that pupils arrive by **7:15 am** daily for the morning assembly and reflections.

B) Every day, school ends **at 1:30 pm** for **grades 1-3** and **2:30 pm for Grades 4-7**.

C) A filling and healthy lunch box should be packed for the child as the school does not offer food for the learners.

D) Learners must be picked up by an adult for safety reasons.

E) No foundation phase learner is allowed to walk home alone.

F) Aftercare arrangements should be made for children picked up after 14:45pm.

G) After care for the learners attending our school is **R600.00.** That includes homework assistance for the learners.

H) Aftercare **for the learners from other schools is R700**. That includes lunch and homework assistance.

I) Learners **should wear their prescribed school uniform always and no other colours shall** be permitted. **A BLAZER IS A MUST** throughout the year so that we take pride in our school uniform.

J) School Tracksuit is compulsory. **To be worn with white sneakers** on Wednesdays & Fridays and all school outings *(Refer to our uniform policy).*

K) Both girls and boys must maintain neat and natural colour hair.

L) Hair can be plaited or braided but hair must always be neat. Only natural colours are permitted. *Refer to our hair policy.*

M) ***Parents should notify the school if a child is absent for any reason***. A doctor's note is required if the child is absent for medical reasons.

N) No nail polish or lipsticks.

O) Pupils are given homework and weekly spelling words Monday to Thursday which should be monitored and signed by the parents every day.

P) The school will use a ***merit system*** to encourage good behavior and the ***demerit and detention system*** to discourage unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour.

Q) Parents will be called, or suspension warning letters will be issued, for accumulating more than five demerits.

R) Hence, parents should always check the children's merit and demerit sheet/diary in the learner homework books for Grades 1-3 and diaries for Grades 4-7 as a way monitoring the children's behavior.

S) If the behavior of the child is deemed to be excessively inappropriate, the school will take further disciplinary action against the learner as per the school Code of conduct. *Refer to our code of conduct.*

T) Fees must always be paid on time to avoid operational disruptions. *Refer to our school fees and accounts policy.*

U) Learners with more than a month owing fees shall be asked to make payment arrangements aligned to the fees and account policy failure to which the learner shall be suspended from attending classes.

13. SCHOOL UNIFORM

***NB- Please Label All Clothing with Your Child's Name and Surname.** Please note that the school is **not responsible for tracing** unlabeled uniforms in the lost and found property. Learners should be reminded to be responsible for their belongings, **as the school does not replace any lost items.**

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE Pupils should always be neatly dressed in their school uniform as prescribed in the school uniform requirements. Our school uniform is sold from the inside **except** for the grey pants and school shoes. School tracksuits are worn on Wednesdays and Fridays, accompanied by white sneakers or tennis shoes. All the starring items should be purchased at school; all items without stars should be bought at any retail shop. **A**

BLAZER AND & A SCHOTRACKSUIT ARE MANDATORY. Please refer to the list on page 6. **(These prices might change in 2027 if there is any change by suppliers.**

GIRLS' SUMMER

- Checked royal blue tunic dress* **R360.00 Small /medium size R400.00**
- A Royal blue blazer* **R790.00**
- Royal blue ankle socks* **R80 a pair**
- Black school shoes (any shop of your choice)
- White tackies to wear with school tracksuit (Any shop)

Normal Royal blue & Red School Tracksuit. ***Grade 1-3 *R600***

Grade 4-7 *R650, *a tracksuit is compulsory for both boys & girls.*

Winter Royal blue & Red School Tracksuit. ***Grade 1-7 *R675****.*

Size small, medium & large ***R700***

- Red Golf School T-Shirt **R250.00***
- House color T-shirt for sports **R180* both boys & girls**
- Royal blue & red school short R200*

BOYS SUMMER

- Checked royal blue short sleeved shirts***R270 / XS*R300**
- A Royal blue blazer* **R790.00**
- Quality Grey shorts/trousers (Any shop)
- Royal blue & white socks* **R80 a pair**
- White tackies to wear with school tracksuit. (Any shop)

Normal Royal blue & Red School Tracksuit. ***Grade 1-3 *R600***

Grade 4-7 *R650, *this is compulsory for both boys & girls.*

Winter Royal blue & Red School Tracksuit. ***Grade 1-7 *R675***

Size small, medium & large ***R700***

- Red Golf School T-shirt **R250.00***
- Black school shoes (Any shop of your choice
- House color T-shirt for sports **R180* both boys & girls**
- Royal blue and red school short R200*

GIRLS WINTER

- Long sleeved white shirt & Grey pants (Any shop)
- Royal blue school tie* **(R70)**
- Royal blue jersey with a school logo + a royal blazer*

  ***Jersey Sizes 26-30= R260.00**

  ***Jersey Sizes 32+ R300.00**

Royal/Navy Blue winter stockings **R150*** can be purchased from any shop as well

- Royal blue & white scarf, gloves and a blue woolen hat with a logo * **R200.00** for a set
- A warm wind jacket (Optional) **R500.00**

Beanie only **R100.00**; Scarf only **R80.00** & Gloves only **R30.00***

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14. SCHOOL FEES STRUCTURE; BOOKS & STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

R 950.00 (Once off) **COMPULSORY & NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEES** for 2026 Grade 1 pupils, including those from our pre-school and all 2026 new learners in all the grades.

***R450.00 for Assessment Test** for all learners from grades 1 – 7 from other schools.

R 750.00 STATIONERY+R 1250.00 WORKBOOK FEES) = R2000 COMPULSORY & NON-REFUNDABLE WORKBOOKS FEES FOR ALL LEARNING AREAS. This applies to both new and existing learners. **GRADE 1-3 *Once off payment.** **WE COVER ALL THE BOOKS!**

(R1350 TEXTBOOKS + R950 STATIONERY) = R2300.00 C0MPULSORY & NON-REFUNDABLE STATIONERY & TEXTBOOKS FEE FOR GR 4, 5 6 & 7. Once off***

FOR FEES PAYMENT:

OPTION 1: GRADE 1-3 Monthly fees R 1 802.00 ×12 months Installments = R 21 624 per year excluding registration fees.

OPTION 1: GRADE 4; 5; 6 & 7 Monthly fees R 1 908.00 ×12 months Installments which are **=R22 896 per year** (excluding registration fees paid by new learners.)

NB - Our fees shall always ***be paid in advance with the 3rd*** as our cut-off date. *** DON'T BUY ANY STATIONERY.** ***We even cover the books*****

AFTERCARE ARRANGEMENTS - Solid Beginnings learners' aftercare R600 per month.
A sibling discount shall be considered for three or more children from one family under the same account.

7.5% Sibling discount applies for three or more children from one family under the same account.

7% FOR EARLY BIRDS applies for advance annual payments done **by end of March 2027.**
LATE PAYMENT PENALTY & FETCHING LERANERS LATE – R150.

Transport: The school has transport to and from certain areas and that is charged for separately. For more information on transport, please contact the school on numbers provided on page 3.