



Dear Parents and Pupils,

Compliments of the season and a warm welcome to a New Year 2020.

New beginnings and attached to this, a whole year for us to enjoy your children, have fun and watch in wonder the progress we know we will be privileged to witness throughout this year. To you, our pupils, you are never given a wish without being given the power to make it come true. However, you may have to work hard to realize that wish. Go into this year and make your dreams come true, work hard and feel the impulse to soar with the Eagles. Never forget to make somebody SMILE and remember your own powerful smile will change your day.

A special warm welcome to all our 'brand new' pupils and families.

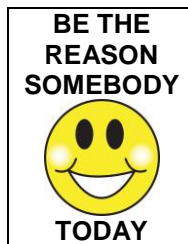
May your time at Wendon Academy be a happy one.

Our new pupils for this year are as follows:

Primary School	Junior Class/Grade 4	Ché Riekert Nqubeko Zama
	Intermediate Class/Grade 5	Max Millar
	Senior Class/Grade 7	Juaquin Govender
High School	Grade 8	Alexa Horwood Aiden Kruger Sandile Mchunu Tyler Head
	Grade 9	Jordan Cohen
	Grade 11	Samia Abid

Our special thoughts are with you as you commence your first day with us.

Our theme for the year:-



Our teachers and staff are:

Mrs Hicks

Managing Director - 083 626 6923

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Junior Class & Art
Mrs McPherson

Intermediate Class & Sport
Ms Horn

Senior Class Mrs Smith, HOD Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 8 Mrs Dinkele

Grade 9 Mrs Price

Grade 10 Mrs Gooding, Senior HOD High School

Grade 11 Mrs Cross

Grade 12 Mrs Freeman

Computers Mrs Price

Workshop & Sport Mr Kilroe-Smith (Captain)

Secretary/Librarian
Mrs Laskey

Financial Secretary Mrs Lockyer

Class Assistant Mrs Mozirandi

Housekeeping Ms Duma

Caretaker & Sport Mr Clarence Mozirandi

SCHOOL HOURS:

School hours are as follows for ALL our children:-

Primary School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h20
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10
High School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h30
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10

**No children will be allowed to leave the classroom on Friday before 12h10.
No aftercare facilities are available at Wendon.**

NB!!!! Parents Information Evening

Please do not forget our **Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 22nd January at 18h15 (6.15pm)** for the **Primary School and the High School**. Parents, please park on the bottom field. For all our new parents, it is an evening where you will meet your class teacher, be given information about what your child will cover for this year as well as an opportunity to address any queries that you may have for the teacher.



For the High School Parents, please make your way up to your child's classroom where you will be directed to the relevant Grade. For the Primary School, please make your way up to the Hall to be addressed by Mrs Smith. Thereafter, you will be taken through to the individual classrooms.

The Eagle's Nest



"The Eagle's Nest" Newsletter will be sent out each week on a Tuesday. A huge amount of effort goes into this informative newsletter. The newsletter will inform each family as to what is taking place at school. Please take the time to read through it and place it on your fridge for reference. It will certainly assist you when planning ahead and allowing your child to be prepared for what will be happening at school. If you would like to receive The Eagle's Nest electronically, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter. For our "old" parents we will continue to email through to you – if your e-mail has changed, please fill in the slip.

Medication

Unless prior authorization is given, we are not in a position to administer any medication, we do however have Panado for headaches etc. Please could you fill in the tear off slip if your child is **NOT** allowed Panado.



CELLPHONES / IPODS / ELECTRONIC GADGETS

Due to the continuing problems incurred by the use of cellphones and theft, **NO CELLPHONES are allowed at school**. Parents may phone the school to forward messages and pupils have access to the telephone at school for emergencies. Please support us on this ruling.

If a child is caught with his / her cellphone / IPod or any electronic gadget, it will be confiscated and kept locked away until the end of the term if NO letter has been sent to the school from the parents / guardians.

No exceptions will be made to this rule!

OPEN DOOR POLICY – MRS HICKS

Please feel free to phone or arrange a time if you have any concerns regarding your child. In the event of an emergency, these are direct contact numbers. Cell: **083 626 6923** Home: **031 – 262 4719** (Mrs Hicks)

EVENTS TO REMEMBER & TERM DATES: These will be in the Newsletter each week. Please refer to the weekly Newsletter for any updates. Please find term dates at the end of the newsletter.

DROPPING OFF / COLLECTION OF CHILDREN:

- Please drop and collect your child in Wendover Road before and after school.
- Captain (Mr Kilroe-Smith) will monitor the arrival of pupils from 06h40. Captain is there to greet the parents and children. We ask that you please drive with caution.
- At 07h45 the school bell goes for class.
- If you are running late please drop your child at the bottom gate, which will only be locked at 08h00.

- **No child must be dropped off or collected at the top gate.** (unless by prior arrangement). High Wycombe Road is extremely busy and dangerous for any child to run across the road or on opening doors when leaving a parked car.
- **Please do not speed up or down Wendover Road.** Our children are crossing this road continuously. At times they may run across the road without looking which could have fatal consequences. **SOME OF OUR PARENTS BELIEVE THEY ARE ON A RACE TRACK!!**
- **Please DO NOT do U-turns on the road, cones have been placed on the road to prevent this happening.** Proceed down Wendover and turn or proceed to the end of the road, turn left to join up onto Pitlochry Road.
- Please discourage children from running over to your car to chat. Once dropped off, they must proceed into the school property.
- A teacher will be present at the gate in the afternoon to supervise our children going home.
- **NB!!! PARENTS, IF YOU HAVE NOT COLLECTED YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL BY 14H15 ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY OR 12H30 ON A FRIDAY, THEY WILL BE BROUGHT INSIDE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND THEN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE TOP GATE. Please phone the school if you have a problem.**
- NO TEACHER will be on the premises after 15H00 Monday to Thursday and 13h30 on a Friday. If you are running late, please contact the school in order to inform us of the situation. Your child will receive your message.
- **Parents, it is important to arrive at school on time. Our children become anxious if they are late continuously and it disrupts the class. Children arriving late continuously will have to deal with the consequences set down in the Code of Conduct. This causes distress for your children who are powerless to correct their late arrival at school. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!**

PLAYGROUND

Two teachers will always be present on the fields during break times to resolve issues if necessary.

We have two breaks, the first break is from 10h10 to 10h30 and the second break is from 12h00 to 12h20. Please send healthy snacks and plenty of fluid to drink in this heat. No fizzy drinks please.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please adhere to the school uniform. If you do not have a copy of the Uniform requirements, please contact Mrs Laskey and she will be happy to give you one. It is imperative that our pupils take pride in wearing the Wendon Academy Uniform. No exceptions will be made for the wearing of incorrect uniform. The compulsory Wendon Academy school bags (R290) / sports bags (R130) need to be used. If you require these bags, please speak to Mrs Laskey.

TRACKSUITS

PRIMARY SCHOOL: Summer uniform. For cooler days, a jersey and tracksuit top may be worn. Please no full tracksuits in summer.

Winter: Full tracksuits can be worn or long black trousers together with the tracksuit top and jersey for the boys. Girls may wear the full tracksuit or their skirt and tracksuit top and jersey. The children have an option of wearing the V-necked jersey beneath the tracksuit top for additional warmth.

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADE 8/9/10/11 & 12: The tracksuit may only be worn for sport if needed. If cold, the seniors have a V-necked jersey and blazer to wear, NO tracksuit tops may be worn to school. On arrival at school, blazers are to be worn ONLY – jerseys may be worn under the blazer.

NB!! Tracksuits are available from Gem Schoolwear

HAIR STYLES / CUTS

Please make sure that your child arrives at school with appropriate and acceptable hair styles. Inappropriate hairstyles include any type of dyed hair colour, hair cuts - ridges / steps/ shaved lines / (half) braided. These designs are not acceptable as per the Code of Conduct and that has been signed and accepted by each parent. If your child is to be sent home, it will be at your cost to correct their hairstyle before being allowed back to school.

Please see a sample of an acceptable boys' haircut at the end of the newsletter.

SCHOOL BADGES (R25 each from Mrs Lockyer)

PRIMARY SCHOOL : Badges required on all shirts and blouses **only**.

HIGH SCHOOL: Badges required on all stiff collared short sleeved shirts which can be worn in summer and winter and school blazer.

If you have not bought badges for the uniform, please do so urgently.

SPORT / P.E KIT

DAYS: **PRIMARY SCHOOL – TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**
HIGH SCHOOL - GRADE 8 / 9 / 10 /11&12 – WEDNESDAYS

Please ensure that **school** swimming costumes, latex swimming caps (colour according to their house) towels and PE Kit are sent to school on these abovementioned days. Primary School are to wear the green floppy hat on the uniform list. **Each child will be allocated to a school house and a list is attached for you to see their house colours for latex swimming caps to be purchased.** Sport is included in our curriculum and very much part of teaching your child teambuilding and sportsmanship. This time is utilized to improve gross motor co-ordination which is of concern in most of our children. At times it is too easy for the children to want to sit out of this very important activity. Please assist us in this matter.

TROPHIES

All floating trophies that were awarded to pupils in 2019, need to be returned to school by Friday 24th January 2020. Congratulations once again to all our worthy achievers for 2019.

ART



Please send in an old and large T-Shirt for Art. Our aprons just don't seem to do the job. Wendon Academy does not have a techni-coloured school uniform – so send in those T-Shirts please! The bigger the T-shirt the better!! **To those who have not yet paid their R600 Art and Practical levy for the year, please do so as soon as possible.** This can be paid directly into the school account along with the school fees.

COOKING

Please send in an 'apron' for your child to become our Wendon chef of the year..... close your eyes when you see the uniform if no apron has been supplied.

HOMEWORK DIARY

This is not only used for homework but for the parents to communicate with the class teacher whenever necessary. If needing to see the teachers at any time, please write a note and you will receive an appointment date and time.

MAGAZINES

Your class teacher is always looking for old magazines!! If you are throwing them away – please throw them our way. We would love them!

MY SCHOOL CARD

A simple way to raise funds for the school without costing us a cent – Its MONEY for JAM!!!. We will forward an application form to each parent next week, in the hopes of securing support in this fundraising endeavor.

Flowers in the Foyer

Each year we respectfully request a donation of flowers for our school foyer on a weekly basis. At the most, it usually equates to one donation per family per year, at times perhaps two donations. If you would like to assist, please complete the reply slip and return to school. THANK YOU !!

NB: Plants from your garden – Are you thinning out your garden? Please send plants our way, we have a huge garden to fill.

Calendar of Events

January

Wednesday 16 th	Start of Term 1	Bell rings at 7.45
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Information Evening Primary School High School	18h15 Meeting in the hall Meeting in individual Grade Classrooms

February

Wednesday 12 th	Grade 12 Amaoti Outing	Peanut Butter & Mayonaise Collection
Friday 7 th	Valentines Evening Picnic & Braai – Dress in Red & White	Info to follow
Friday 14 th	Valentine Day	Info to follow

March

Monday 2 nd - Tuesday 3 rd	Grade 12 Leadership Camp	
Friday 6 th	Spell-a-thon	
Monday 9 th	PS Parent Interviews	
Tuesday 10 th	HS Parent Interviews	
Thursday 19 th	Gala End of term 1	

Tuesday 31 st	Start of Term 2	
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April

Thursday 9 th	Educate & Fascinate	R25
Friday 10 th to Monday 13 th	Easter Holidays	Public Holiday
Monday 27 th	Freedom Day	Public Holiday

May

Friday 1 st	Workers Day	Public Holiday
Friday 8 th	Mothers Day Tea	
Monday 18 th	Grade 10, 11 & 12 Study Leave	
Tuesday 19 th	Grade 10, 11 & 12 Study Leave	
Wednesday 20 th to 29 th	Examinations and Tests	

June

Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd	PS Parent Interviews	
Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th	HS Parent Interviews	
Tuesday 9 th	School Photographs	
Thursday 11 th	Sports Day & Hot Dog Fundraiser End of Term 2	

July

Tuesday 7 th	Start of Term 3	
Thursday 30 th & Friday 31 st	Wendon Concert	

August

Friday 7 th	PS Mini Olympics	
Monday 10 th	National Women's Day	Public Holiday
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Gr10 to 12 Work Experience	

September

Friday 4 th	Spring Walk & Hot Dog Fundraiser	
Tuesday 8 th	PS Open Day for parents	
Wednesday 9 th	HS Parent Interviews by appointment only	
Thursday 17 th	Civvies Day End of Term 3	
Tuesday 29 th	Start of Term 4	

October

Friday 9 th	Art Expo	
Friday 23 rd	Grade 12 Breakfast and final walk	
Monday 26 th & Tuesday 27 th	Grade 10, 11 & 12 Study Leave	
Wednesday 28 th – 30 th	Exams & Tests & Assessments	

November

Monday 2 nd – 6 th	Exams & Tests & Assessments	
Friday 20 th	End of Year Braai & Civvies Day	
Tuesday 24 th	HS Prize Giving	
Wednesday 25 th	PS Prize Giving	
Thursday 26 th	End of Term 4	

Please check weekly newsletter for any changes to the calendar

School fees are due now. Thank you

[New Contact Details](#)

Have any of your details changed since 2019?? Please send in your new particulars for our records, on the slip below.

To our Wendon families, have a successful and exciting year ahead with us.

Kind regards

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

“I am not what has happened to me. I am what I choose to become” – Carl Jung