

# LITTLE PANDAS

# PRESCHOOL



## PROSPECTUS

*“Nurturing young minds for the future”*

## Who we are

***“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these” Matthew 19:14***

Our school offers a vibrant, fun, and educational environment where holistic education is our priority.

We strive to equip all our scholars with, not only, skills to succeed academically but also believe that instilling confidence, self-belief and igniting a child’s imagination are the skills that will equip our children and set them up for a life of success.

It is our opinion that each child is an individual with unique talents and gifts, it is our goal to recognise these and nurture and grow them to set our children up for the best possible version of themselves.

Little Pandas believe in building a community of parent, child, and teacher. Whereby parents are informed on a regular basis of their child’s progress.

By offering a stimulating and safe environment our children are not just taken care of but are also educated into well rounded individuals demonstrating dignity, respect and are given all the tools needed to succeed.

We are a multicultural school that uses Christian principles and teachings in our curriculum.



# What we offer

Our school offers a vibrant, fun, safe, inclusive educational environment where holistic education is our priority.

- We offer learning and day-care support for children from 6 months to 6 years.
- We are open from 06:00 to 18:00pm, Monday to Friday, except weekends and public holidays. We open through-out the whole year from January to December.
- We offer school holiday club activities
- Every Friday – we have a Parents School Readiness Support Club (separation anxiety, child school readiness issues etc) – 14:00-16:00
- Our school property has 24 hours Camera Surveillance monitored regularly.
- Safe, fun, and interactive educational excursions/tours to broaden the learner's experience.
- An inclusive environment for all children including those with special needs.
- Robust curriculum that combines focused on play, creativity, and stimulation
- All our teachers are qualified. Each class has an assistant teacher
- Offer potty training.
- We take pride in small class setups of between 16 and 18 learners per class, offering an individualised learning program.

## Extra Murals

- We offer age-appropriate computer lessons to kids from 3 to 6 years old at R150 per annum.
- Ballet Lessons at a fee
- Swimming at a fee

## Fees

- School fees are R1 650 per month for full day (06:00 to 18:00) and R1 500 half day without lunch (06.00 to 12.30)
- Monthly fees include: 3 healthy meals (breakfast, snack, and lunch). Parents are encouraged to pack a small snack for the afternoon.
- Aftercare is R700 per month for children outside the school. This includes homework support
- R500 once off at enrolment, and paid annually
- 5% annual Increase
- 5% for sibling
- 10% for full year upfront payment
- 5% of the fees for successful referral
- Late payment (5% of outstanding amount) and child pick up (R50 after 1<sup>st</sup> 15mins and increases after every R50 for pickup time)

## Our Curriculum

We follow an integrated scientific approach based on developing the needs of a child as well as skills development. Our programme involves concepts developed by the Gauteng Education Department, the Early Childhood Development Programme (ELDA) and a School Readiness Programme, this includes language, creative activities, perception, maths, science, music, movement, stories, gross and fine motor co-ordination, news, show-and-tell, baking, etc. We research a theme every week and the teachers build their lessons around this theme wherever possible.

We also combine this with the Grow Learning Curriculum with all the children, as well as focus on the Practical Stimulation Program with all our babies.

### 6 months to 12 months (Babies)

Our caregivers will create the necessary resources and environment to stimulate your child to achieve the following milestones:

- Brings objects and toys to their mouth
- Shows curiosity and tries to get things that are out of reach
- Recognizes familiar faces as well as knows who a stranger is
- Likes to look in the mirror
- Responds to others and especially enjoys playing with parents or caregivers<sup>8</sup>

Please note that at this age, your baby's milestones will be closely monitored and supported:

- **Development:** Your baby will likely lean on their hands to support themselves when sitting, babble, show more emotion, and be extremely curious about the world around them—often grabbing and putting things in their mouth.<sup>1</sup>
- **Sleep:** This month, your baby will begin to consolidate their sleep and may even begin sleeping through the night as well as nap two to three times a day.<sup>2</sup>
- **Food:** Even though you will likely introduce your baby to solids this month, most of your baby's nutritional needs will still be met by breastmilk or formula.<sup>3</sup>

Please note that each baby has their own cot and bedding as well as their own record book where their routine is recorded daily.

### 1 – 2 years (Toddlers) and 3 – 4-year-olds

This is informal with planned, differentiated activities set out for each day and include drawing, modelling, painting, reading, cutting, pasting, threading, construction work, assembling puzzles and blocks, playing with educational toys, fantasy play, etc. During the creativity hour, the teacher educates a small group of pupils at a time, teaching them specific school readiness skills related to the activity. Pupils are encouraged to engage in as many activities as possible, although the main activity is compulsory. Potty Training provided for kids who need it.

### 5- 6 years old (Grade R)

A formal and yet child friendly setup to help learners bridge the gap from grade 0 to grade 1 and to cope with the demands of formal schooling in primary school. Learners are given the opportunity to learn scholastic concepts in an environment that is relaxed and child friendly.

## **Drop-off and Pick-up Policy**

For safety and security reasons it is compulsory for all parents to sign in a child during drop-off and pick-up. A strict COVID-19 policy would apply should this be necessary. (Parents will be notified) NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! Should you require for your child to be picked by someone else, please notify the school in writing.

## **Sunstroke Protection**

While South Africa is blessed with an excellent climate, our summers demand that we employ protective measures to prevent our children from the dangers of exposure to the sun's rays. All our children will be required to wear caps and apply sunscreen while outside. NO HAT! NO PLAY!

## **Illness**

Pupils should be healthy when they attend school. Parents are requested to inform the teacher of any health problems or allergies that the child may have. If your child has a cough or a cold, please keep him/her at home as this will speed his/her recovery and prevent him/her from spreading the illness to the other children. Parents will be contacted if their child becomes ill at school. Please advise the school should your child stay away from school for any reason by SMSing or phoning the school. Our sick bay allows for short term supervision should a child get ill at school. It is of utmost importance that learners do not attend school if they are ill.

## **Anti-Waste material**

We are always in need of empty boxes, cotton reels, bottle and milk tops, silver and computer paper, bits of wool, buttons, material, old magazines, remnants, match and cigarette boxes, wallpaper, and wood offcuts, etc., for the various activities at school. Should you have any of these items, please offer these to our school.

## **Reports**

The main objective for Grade 0 is school readiness. The report will indicate how the child reacts in a 'CLASS SITUATION'. Pupils are mostly unaware of the observation procedures followed by the teachers. Observation takes place throughout the term and is intensely done. The report is an indication of the child's developmental stage. For the other age groups, parents will also receive reports for their child's milestones every term.

## **Parent communication with Teachers**

Since we wish to share in your child's life and make his/her stay at the school a pleasant and fruitful one, please feel free to discuss his/her strengths and concerns with us. In this way we learn to know and understand your child better. Should you experience any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us, since we, and not the public, are best geared to assist you in remedying the situation. Teachers cell numbers will not be shared with parents. Parents are required to email the principal at [littlepandaspreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:littlepandaspreschool@yahoo.com); should they have any concerns.

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