

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The administration and staff of this institution believe that every child should achieve a satisfactory level of literacy and numeracy by age twelve (12) and should develop those qualities that will make them a sociable individual to live and to live with; hence we seek to assist in his/her **academic, social, spiritual** and **physical** development.

MISSION STATEMENT

The **Black River Primary and Infant School** has a commitment to the upliftment of the students in our community, for a better way of life through academic, social, cultural and practical activities so that individual needs and aspirations are met, right sense of values and attitudes are acquired and maintained for the enhancement of the individual, the community, the region and the nation.

OUR MOTTO

“Together we build”

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Know, understand and support the school rules and cooperate with the administration and staff.
- Ensure that your child attends school regularly and punctually and dresses in the correct uniform.
- Inform the school, as early as possible, of the circumstances when your child is unable to attend classes.
- Take responsibility for your child's health.
 - a) Dental check at least once yearly.
 - b) Proper nutrition – Encourage your child to eat at the canteen where nutritious meals are provided

daily. Monitor what your child buys with his/her money. Provide a lunch kit with **appropriate** snacks and juices, especially for students at the Infant Department. E.g. sandwiches, fruits.
c) Ensure that your child practices good hygiene, and gets adequate rest, sleep and exercise.

- Be responsible for the conduct of your child on his/her way to and from school – especially while wearing the school uniform.
- Make sure that homework/ assignments which are given to your child are completed and handed in on time.
- Maintain contact with the school through your child's class teacher and be an active member of the Parents Teachers Association.
- Attend the meetings that are arranged to discuss the progress of your child and the development of the school. Phone or visit regarding your concerns.
- Provide the books, materials and equipment that are necessary for your child to be successful in school.
- Ensure self discipline through responsibility by giving your children daily chores and ensuring that they do them.
- Teach your children to feel good about themselves. Know their friends and monitor their whereabouts. Set rules and ensure that they are adhered to.
- See that your child is registered in the Accident Insurance Scheme.
- If the child is on the PATH Programme and is absent for three or more days, a doctor's certificate should be presented to the class teacher.
- Ensure that all lunch kits, school bags and books are properly labeled with each child's name, address, parents' names, address and telephone numbers.
- Take responsibility for your child's safety. Notify the school of your dropping off and picking up plan for your child. A consent form should be completed to indicate who is responsible for collecting each child.

SCHOOL RULES

Punctuality

- Students should come to school before 8:25 a.m. and respond promptly to the sound of the bell at all times.
- Ensure that all lunch kits, school bags and books are properly labeled with each child's name, address, parents' names address and telephone numbers.
- Take responsibility for your child's safety. Notify the school of your dropping off and picking up plan for your child. A consent form should be completed to indicate who is responsible for collecting each child at the Infant Department.

Absenteeism

- Students should attend school regularly. If a student has to be absent for more than two (2) consecutive days, a letter should be sent informing the class teacher of the reason for and duration of absence.
- Teachers should report to the Guidance Counsellor any student who has been absent for five (5) consecutive days without a letter from parents.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the compound without a written permission from the parents, class teacher or the Principal. They should not be seen at the games shop during school hours or in their uniform.

Uniform

- Students are required to wear full uniform to school Mondays to Fridays. If students are unable to wear the full uniform, at least one piece should be worn – the khaki shirt or pants or the white blouse or the tunic (not skirt). Students at the Infant Department may wear Sports Gears on Fridays **ONLY**.

- Jewels, nail polish, chains and earrings are not allowed. (Girls may wear small knobs/sleepers). Watches may be worn.
- Hair should be well groomed – no braid or hair extensions and no more than two beads to a plait of hair. **Beads are not allowed at the Infant Department.** Clips and hair ornaments should be black, blue or white. Processed hair should not hang loosely but placed in bubbles or pony clips.
- Rastafarians must wear a tam.
- Black or brown shoes should be worn and black or brown belts should be worn by the boys.

Conduct

- Students should maintain the good name of the school both academically and in their mode of behaviour. They should act politely and with dignity at all times, avoiding all form of vulgarity and loud speaking.
- Students should exhibit proper behaviour at all times, be respectful to all teachers, other members of the school community and persons who are in authority.
- Students should not fight, use indecent language or use any form of missiles, weapons or instruments to harm another student. Students who inflict injury to another child, their parents will be asked to assist in defraying medical expenses.
- Students should take care of all school properties – building, furniture, fixtures etc. If they create damage, parents will be required to defray cost.
- Students should practice good hygiene – personally and in their surroundings.
- Students should first inform their class teacher of any dispute before informing the Guidance Counsellor, Principal or Parents.
- All parents and visitors must first report to the office to gain permission to see any teacher or student.

- Students should not make purchases from unauthorized vendors.
- Students must not take cellular phones to school. In the case of an emergency and they have to take the phone to school, a letter should be sent to the class teacher.
- Students are expected to participate in all school activities unless otherwise informed by parents or doctor.
- Students are not allowed to play in areas designated as out of bounds i.e. silence zones – along the corridors, in front of the library, the administrative block, blocks one and two, in the gardens, the car parks and in the classrooms. Constructive play is allowed in classrooms at the Infant Department, under the supervision of class teacher. Playing should be done on the playfield and in other designated areas.
- Students should not steal, call each other names or do things to hurt each other's feelings. They should live on good terms with each other and promote Peace and Love in School and Society.

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 19 Central Rd.
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Documents to take in for Student's Admission

Birth Certificate
 Immunization card
 1 passport size photograph

Documents to be collected

Booklist
 Fact Card
 Insurance Application Form
 Brochure with School Rules, etc.