Prospectus



School Information

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the Word of God (2 Tim 3.14-17, 2 Pet 1. 20-21)

2. GOD

We believe the Godhead is eternally co-equal co-existent in 3 persons; not 3 Gods, but one; not one person, but 3 - namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Gen 1. 26, Mark 12.29, Deut 6.4, Matt 28.19)

3. JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We uphold his absolute deity as well as His complete humanity. Two natures, but one undivided person (Luke 1. 30-35, Jn 1.1, Heb 1. 5-12, Heb 2. 9-16, Phil 2. 5-8)

4. THE RESURRECTION

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He ascended into heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of the Father, the position of power and authority. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead (Dan 12.2, Rom 8.34, Mark 14,62, 1 Cor 15. 3-4 & 20, Phil 2. 8-11, Acts 2.33, Acts 2.33, Luke 22.69, Rev 20. 11-15).

5. LORDSHIP

We confess the Lord Jesus Christ and no other, as head of the church and as our Lord (Eph 1. 22-23, Eph 4. 15-16, Col 1. 18 & 24).

6. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will manifest himself in glory, majesty, power and physical presence. This is the second coming of Christ and the blessed hope the Church (Matt 23.30, 1 Cor 15. 51-53m 2 Thes 1. 7-10, Rev 1.7, Rev 22.7, 1 Thes 4. 13-18).

7. THE FALL

Every individual has sinned and is guilty before God. Man by nature is depraved and incapable of saving his own soul (Rom 3.10 & 23, Eph 2. 8-10).

8. REDEMPTION

The Lord Jesus Christ by his life, death, resurrection and ascension, has made available to all mankind the forgivingness of sins and eternal life. These blessings are made personally real to the individual, not by works or by any personal merit in themselves, but by faith alone, which is accompanied by repentance (Jn 3.16, Rom 8. 8-13, 2 Tim 1.9, Thitus 2.11, Thitus 3. 4-7)

9. THE NEW BIRTH

We believe in the necessity of the word of God in the new birth, which makes a repentant sinner a saint - being baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (Jn 1.11-13, 2 Cor 5.17, Jn3. 3-8, 1 Pet 1. 22-25, 1 Cor 12.13)

10. THE CHURCH

We believe that the true church consists of the community of true believers in Jesus Christ, who by faith had their sins forgiven and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe in the fellowship of all true believers, recognized that the true church is not confined by any one denomination (Heb 12. 23-24, 1 Jn 1.7, Eph 3. 3-10, Eph 4. 3-6 & 13)

11. BAPTISM

We believe in baptism by immersion, of believers only (Matt 28.19, Acts 2. 38-41, Acts 10, 47, 1 Pet 3.21)

12. THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe in the breaking of bread as commanded by Jesus and practiced by the early church (Acts 20.7, 1Cor 10. 16-17).

13. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that Jesus Christ is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit and that this baptism, as a distinct experience from the New Birth, is promised to every believer (Matt 3.11, Acts 10. 44-46, Acts 1. 4-8, Acts 2. 32-33)

14. DIVINE HEALING

We believe in the gifts of healing and God still, in our day, heals the sick (Mark 16. 16-18, matt 8. 16-17, 1 Cor 12.9)

15. SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We believe that God has never removed the gifts referred to in 1 Cor 12, 13, 14 and that whenever the Holy Spirit moves upon the church in power, these gifts are manifested.

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND LEARNERS MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a quality Christian education to primary school learners by attending to their academic, spiritual and physical needs, in an all-embracing manner.

Thank you for the interest you have shown in GrowthPoint.Academy. It is our vision to educate learners in such a manner that they will;

- Be adequately equipped for life and Christian service;
- Develop into children, and later teenagers and adults, who have a deep and meaningful relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Be children of integrity, who have a positive attitude towards life;
- Have a positive impact on the community in which they reside;
- Be aware of the fact that each and every child is unique and special to God and that God has a plan and purpose for each and every one of their lives; and
- Learn to appreciate and care for one another, irrespective of language, culture or denominational differences.

STAFFING

The school has a staff of qualified educators, supported by administrative workers. All staff members will be under the direct control of the principal.

TUITION

The school is an English medium school and tuition will therefore be conducted in English. However, learners who are exposed to a second language for the first time, will be supported and assisted by the educator wherever possible.

THE SCHOOL HAS THE FOLLOWING GRADES

Grade R
 Grade 1
 Grade 2
 Grade 3
 Grade 4
 Grade 5
 Grade 6
 Grade 7

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is the responsibility of the Parent/s to see that learners arrive on time in the mornings.

 Unless permission has been granted by the Principal, no learner may be absent except for reasons of personal illness of Family bereavement. In the case of illness it is important that parents notify the class teacher. A doctor's note must be presented, especially during assessment/exams.

SCHOOL HOURS: 06:45 – 13:30
GATES OPEN 06:45 AND CLOSE 07:30 IN THE MORNINGS.

Grade R (06:45 – 12:45) Grade 1, 2, 3 (06:45 – 13:15) Grade 4 - 7 (06:45 – 13:30) School office hours (07:00 – 13:00)

CURRICULUM

This programme is based on the Department of Education's CAPS System and will, most importantly, be supplemented by Biblical principles and teachings.

EVALUATION OF LEARNERS

Learners will be formally evaluated on a regular basis on the following:

- Goals achieved.
- Individual comprehension of new concepts taught.
- Application of new concepts
- Involvement and participation in group activities.

It should be noted that all applicants will be required to undergo a basic admission test in order to assist the educator in evaluating the level of which the child currently operates.

SPORT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school offers "Stimuzone" computers (Coding and Robotics) and Phyzz Ed which is included into your school fees.

SPIRITUAL CARE OF LEARNERS

At a special once a week group assembly, learners will be exposed to "service" where they will be given the opportunity to worship, pray and receive ministry from the Word of God. On Wednesdays there is 40 minutes set aside for Praise and Worship.

A Pastor of GrowthPoint.Acadamy will assume responsibility for the spiritual needs of both the learners and the staff of the school.

DISCIPLINE

We believe that discipline is a Biblical principle and that it is further vital to the development of each and every child. We see discipline as the giving of recognition for good behaviour and the punishment of unacceptable behaviour. As we feel the discipline **is primarily the responsibility of the parent/s**, it will always be administered with the full co-operation of the parent/s.

All parents will receive an updated Disciplinary Policy at the beginning of each school year. Parents are called in for serious cases of repeated bad behavior. We are using a demerit system by which a learner is suspended for a week after 10 demerits and expelled after 30 demerits. Parents sign agreement letters in the beginning of the year.

GENERAL APPEARANCE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

A learner of **GrowthPoint.Academy** may never attract unwelcome attention with regards to their physical appearance

1. Jewellery

- All jewellery items, such as rings, bracelets (elastic or leather) or chains, Traditional or Religious are prohibited.
- Only wristwatches are allowed.
- The wearing of body jewellery, such as nose, tongue and eyebrow jewellery, is strictly prohibited.
- As for girls' earrings, only one gold or silver stud or standard gold or silver ring will be allowed per ear, worn in the bottom hole if the ears had been pierced more than once.
- No other studs or gems will be allowed.

2. Nails

- Nails may not extend beyond fingertips.
- No nail polish may be worn.

3. Make-up

No mascara, eyeliner or blusher will be allowed.

General Appearance of Hair for Boys and Girls

a. Boys

- Hair must be short and neatly cut.
- There may be **no hair in the section around the ears**. Hair may **not touch the ears** when it is **combed straight down**.
- When hair is combed down, it may not touch the eyebrows.
- Sideburns may extend up to the middle of the ear.
- No "undercuts" are allowed
- No "mohawks" are allowed
- No steps are allowed
- No patterns of any kind may be shaved into the hair
- Hair colour must seem natural at all times. No unnatural highlights or lowlights are allowed.
- No caps may be worn.

b. Girls

- Girls may not wear **prominent bows, clips, butterflies or combs** in their hair. All fastening gadgets may only be **navy blue or orange.**
- Hair colour must seem natural at all times. No unnatural highlights or lowlights are allowed.
- Hair that extends over the collar **must be tied**.
- Only hair accessories (ribbons, combs, bobbles) that fit in with the school's colours may be worn.

FIELD TRIPS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational outings, field trips or events on the school premises are conducted yearly. The purpose of these trips is to provide the learners with an opportunity to expand their knowledge base and to develop certain social skills.

Depending on the nature of the outing, parents may be required to pay an additional fee.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are compulsory for all learners. Uniforms will be available directly from the School Office.

- Wearing of school shoes is optional during term 1 and 4. We do, however, encourage learners to come barefoot during these 2 terms.
- Standard Navy caps may be worn during breaks, sport periods as well as after school. These caps must be purchased from the school office (if in stock).

THE UNIFORM WILL COMPROMISE OF THE FOLLOWING:

BOYS AND GIRLS

Winter:

- Navy Tracksuit
- Navy Pullover.
- Black school shoes with short navy or black socks.

Summer:

- Navy Bermuda Shorts.
- Blue golf shirt.
- Black school shoes with short navy or black socks.

Sport:

• Summer uniform and tackies (Black or White).

STATIONERY

A list of stationery requirements will be provided to each parent upon registration of the learner.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school terms will be in line with the calendar of the North West Education Department

INTERVIEWS WITH TEACHING STAFF

Parents are welcome to request an interview with an educator on the staff.

The best method is to write a note or sent a message via WhatsApp to the educator concerned, mentioning the reason for the request and suggesting a time.

Include a phone number and the educator will get back to you and arrange a mutually suitable time.

Please do no "pop" in, in the hope of seeing someone at the school. Educators are unable to interview parents during teaching time. Please don't phone teachers during teaching time!

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

- Learners must pursue their studies with dedication, honesty and diligence.
- Learners must preserve and protect all school property entrusted to them.
- Learners must attend school regularly.
- Learners must respect the dignity of all other learners, staff and members of the public.
- Learners must not engage in any activity that may jeopardise safety, security or academic progress of any other person at the school.
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- Learners must know, obey and respect the school rules.
- Learners will display no form of racial discrimination whatsoever.
- Learners will display general good sportsmanship in any activity they participate in.

SCHOOL RULES

Learners must abide to the Code of Conduct and the following school rules, formulated for the safety and comfort of both learners and staff.

- Whenever a learner is absent from school, A DOCTOR'S NOTE must be presented, especially during assessment/exams.
- Learners must be inside the school gate by 07h25 each day but, for safety purposes, should not be at school before 06h45.
- School finishes at 13h30 each day. Learners waiting for lifts home must wait inside the main gate.
- ALL VISITORS MUST CALL AT THE OFFICE. Parents should not go directly to the classrooms. This is to protect your children from potentially dangerous strangers.
- During school hours, learner may not enter the following areas, unless instructed to do so by an educator.
- o All areas beyond the high fence surrounding the school.
- o Educator's car parking area.
- Church administrative offices.
- Learners are expected to be neatly dressed in proper school uniform during school hours.

Unless at school for a specific reason e.g. sport, all learners have to be fetched by 14:00 as there is no supervision.

There is an aftercare centre available on the premises. This is not part of the school and learners have to be registered.

LEARNERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO ENGAGE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Throwing stones or similar objects.
- Littering.
- Shouting inside the school buildings.
- Bringing toys to school, unless required to do so by an educator for lessons.
- Playing rough games likely to cause injury.
- Bringing onto the school's premises any dangerous item or illegal substance.
- All cuts and abrasions to the skin must be covered by a bandage or a plaster strip.
- School bags must be of a type which gives adequate protection to school books.

The Education Act (84 of 1996) makes it compulsory for children of school going age to attend school on each school day, unless they are ill. **The school does not have the authority to excuse any child from attending school.** Learners may be absent from school to take examinations conducted by certain schools for music, dance or ballet.

Please avoid appointments and arrangements which acquire your child to miss school. Casual absences are disruptive to the school programme and engender casual attitudes towards learning. Certificates of Merit are awarded to learners who complete a full school year without missing a day.