

INFORMATION ON SNAP ACADEMY

Situated: 9 De Dam Rd Vierlanden, Durbanville
Landline: 021 975-7224

In 2007 the need for a school was identified for those learners who have made sufficient progress to work in a group environment and follow the National Curriculum (CAPS, since 2012), but was not quite ready for integration into a main stream environment yet. Thus SNAP Academy was established: A Primary School catering for the special educational needs of learners with Autism and/or Specific Learning Disabilities/Challenges. In terms of section 30(1) of the Western Cape Provincial School Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 2 of 1997), we are a registered Independent Special School for learners with special needs.

We currently have a Junior Preparatory Class (Grade 0), two Grade R, two Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, 4/Bridging, Grade 4,5, Grade 6 and IEP Class (Individual Education Program). (Some classes are English or Afrikaans or Dual Medium – Afrikaans/English). In each classroom there is a Teacher and a Class Assistant and a maximum of 8 learners. This makes it possible to focus on the needs of each child. We make use of a variety of teaching methods specifically aimed to benefit your child. We also use different visual teaching methods, aimed at teaching the child to master abstract thinking. Your child does not have to be potty-trained to be in the Junior Prep class. We help with potty-training.

When parents are interested in enrolling their child for the first time in SNAP Academy, the procedure is to make an appointment to see the Director, Annalies van Rijswijk for a Parent Consultation. Every aspect will be discussed during this consultation of three hours. The cost of the Parent Consultation is R800. To arrange a parent consultation, call our landline (021) 975 7224 and ask to arrange a Parent Consultation. Principal Salomé Smit will then liaise further with you regarding your child's enrolment.

SNAP Academy

a. **Hours:**

Jnr Prep Class:	08:30-12:00, lunch time 12:00-13:00.
Grade R:	08:30-12:30, lunch time 12:30-13:00 (optional).
Grade 1&2:	08:30-13:00, lunch time 13:00-13:30 (optional).
Grade 3, 4/Bridging:	08:30-13:30 (no lunchtime).
Grade 4:	08:30-14:00 (no lunchtime).
Grade 5:	08:30-14:00 (no lunchtime).
Grade 6:	08:30-14:00 (no lunchtime).
IEP Class:	08:30-13:00, lunch time 13:00-13:30 (optional).

Supervision is available from 08:00 at no extra cost.

Please note: School hours on Fridays: 08:30-13:00 for all classes.

Homework: Optional at an extra cost.

The Homework Program runs from Monday to Thursday afternoons directly after school for one hour for Grades 1-3 and 3/Bridging. The appointed person will help your child with his/her homework, in groups of maximum 3 children. **This service is subject to there being sufficient interest in it as well as sufficient staff to run it.**

Aftercare: Optional at an extra cost.

Is available from 13:00-17:00 Monday to Friday. This service offers a well-run program where the children are kept constructively busy for the afternoon. Any child can sign up for Aftercare by prior arrangement with the SNAP Academy Secretary. Please provide a snack and drink for your child.

NB: Aftercare ends promptly at 17:00.

Early Morning Supervision: Optional at an extra cost.

If you have to be at work by 08:00 and need to drop off your child at SNAP Academy **by 07:30 (not earlier)**, then you need to please enrol your child for this option at the SNAP Academy Secretary. The cost is R300 per month, payable for 12 months, same as the school fees (annual amount divided into 12 payments).

Punctuality: Very Important

Be at school 10 minutes before the school starts as teaching happens promptly when school starts.

Be at school 5 minutes before your child is due to come out, do not keep them waiting.

Wait outside classroom and you can take your child when the teacher opens the door.

b. **Break times:**

Jnr Prep: Snack time 30min

Grade R: Snack time 15min and break time 15min

IEP: Snack time 20min, break time 15min

Grade 1-4, 4/Bridging, 5 and 6: First break 20min, second break 15min

c. **Snack and Lunch:**

Junior Prep and Grade R and IEP Class only have one snack break during the school day. So, only one healthy snack is required. Grade 1 to 4, 4/Bridging and Grade 5 and Grade 6 have two short breaks during the school day. It is your prerogative to send one or two healthy snacks to school. Lunch can comprise a healthy meal that we will heat up if necessary.

Snacks should consist of the following:

- Fruit: fresh or sun-dried
- Vegetables: cooked or raw/fresh (tomato, cucumber, carrot strips, etc.)
- Starch: Potato/Mealie/Rice (i.e. Rice cakes or health loaf). (No white bread or white flour products).
- Protein: Egg, nuts, biltong
- Drink: Water or juice

SNAP promotes the GF/CF diet, SCD or any other healthy diet. Avoid: sugar, artificial colorants, preservatives and flavourants. Please do not send any food to school that is contrary to a healthy diet. Medicine/supplements can only be of optimal benefit to child if supported by a healthy diet.

Please note: SNAP provides supervision and not the actual food during break/lunch time.

d. School Fees

Grade Jnr Prep & R:	R4 014 per month (x12 months)
Grade 1-4, 4/Bridging, 5+6:	R4 394 per month (x12 months)
IEP Class:	R4 394 per month (x12 months)
Distance schooling:	R2 578 per month (x12 months)

e. School Dates: Terms

Grade R/1/2/3/4/Bridging (Gr.4)/5/IEP Class Terms:

TERM	OPENS	CLOSES
1	13 January 2016	18 March 2016
2	05 April 2016	24 June 2016
3	18 July 2016	30 September 2016
4	10 October 2016	07 December 2016

Junior Prep Class:

TERM	OPENS	CLOSES
1 -4	13 January 2016	07 December 2016

f. School Holiday Programme

This program will run during the **March/April, June/July & October holidays only. NB: Not during December/January holidays.** During the school holidays a program will be compiled and presented by the class assistant, which will include the following activities:

- Self-help skills
- Social skills
- Gross Motor skills
- Fine Motor skills
- Stories
- Vocabulary skills
- Art work
- Outings
- Interactive games

Throughout these activities we will be focusing on problem solving. Please note that the holiday program can be attended at **no extra cost** for the school attending children. If your child is going to attend the program, please inform us **one (1) month prior** to the holidays. There is no extra cost involved, in attending the Holiday Programme.

School Holiday program times: 08:30 – 12:30 (Lunch: 12:30-13:00 optional).

Learners may wear civvies (normal clothing) during the holiday program.

g. Special School Holidays

These are days determined by the Western Cape Education Department as School Holidays. SNAP Academy will be open but no academic work will be done. We will run a Holiday Program on those days.

- Friday 17 June 2016
- Monday 08 August 2016

h. Registration Fee: R1000

Please note that this Registration Fee is only applicable to New Parents and not parents currently enrolled at SNAP Academy.

i. Administration Fee: R250

An annual administration fee of R250.00 is payable on acceptance and signature of the 2016 Terms and Conditions form applicable for all children already enrolled at SNAP Academy. It covers the cost of administration. **This does not apply to children enrolling for the first time at SNAP Academy**

j. Stationery

SNAP Academy provides the stationery for the parents' convenience. You are then invoiced and should reimburse SNAP Academy for the costs incurred. We source the best prices and Parents receive the stationery already individually packed. Alternatively you have the option of sourcing the stationery yourself but you need to make sure that it is the specified items as well as have it delivered to Snap before the December school holidays.

k. School Uniform (applicable to all, except Jnr Prep Class & Grade R Class)

The Green/Navy Shirt Golf Shirt and Navy Blue Hooded Jacket is available at SNAP Academy Secretary. Please let your child try it on for size and place your order. Payment must be made when you place the order, and can only be cash or by debit/credit card or eft.

The school uniform entails the following:

Green/Navy Short Sleeved Golf Shirt (with Logo) (Order from SNAP Academy Secretary).

Navy or Dark Blue Shorts (You can buy at any shop).

Any shoes (You can buy at any shop).

Prices of Uniform: (Prices subject to change)

Golf Shirt:

7-8 yrs. : R150
9-10 yrs. : R150
11-12 yrs. : R165
13-14 yrs. : R165
Small : R175

Navy Hooded Jacket:

7-8 yrs. : R185
9-10 yrs. : R195
11-12 yrs. : R220
13-14 yrs. : R240
Small : R300

Navy Tracksuit Pants:

7-8 yrs. : R 95
9-10 yrs. : R 100
11-12 yrs. : R 105
13-14 yrs. : R 115
Small : R 135

In winter or on cold days:

Long Sleeved Navy top under your Green/Navy Short Sleeved Golf Shirt (You can buy this anywhere, e.g. Ackerman's or Woolworths)

Navy Blue Tracksuit Pants (Order from SNAP Academy Secretary)

Navy Blue Hooded Jacket (with Logo) (Order from SNAP Academy Secretary)

Socks and closed shoes (You can buy anywhere).

Raincoat (Navy Blue please, available at Woolworths, or any other shop).

Any extra Navy Blue jacket or top that you would prefer your child to wear, can be sent to the school so that the logo can be embroidered on it. The parents will have to pay this small fee.

Extra Set of Clothing:

Parents, please see that an extra set of clothing is in your child's bag at all times in case of an accident. It is your responsibility to check the bag daily and to remove dirty clothing and replace with clean ones.

Junior Prep Class (Grade 0) and Grade R: They wear civvies (normal clothing). SNAP Academy will provide a sturdy Navy Apron with Logo that will be worn over their clothing. The cost involved is R85.

i. Curriculum

SNAP Academy follows the National Curriculum (CAPS) as prescribed by the Department of Education: Western Cape. Thus there is no difficulty integrating into a Main Stream School, regarding curriculum. The National Curriculum focusses on: Home Language, Second Language, Mathematics, Life Orientation, Reading Skills, and Writing Skills.

In our classes we also address specific challenges our learners face, namely Socialization, Friendship and Leisure Time, Communication (and Language Development), Sensory and Perceptual Development, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Paying Attention in a Group Situation, Managing difficult behaviour and anxiety, Problem Solving, Promoting Independence and teaching Self-help Skills. We incorporate Makaton, ABA, TEACCH, PECS, RDI and TLA in our teaching methods.

m. Missing Items

It is very important to mark every item that belongs to your child with a permanent marker. This includes socks, shoes, clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.

n. IEP Class

Learners attending the IEP Class each have his/her own IEP (Individual Education Program) to address her/his challenges. These are learners who need a highly supportive environment. The Teacher will teach the child in the way that he/she learns.

o. Orientation Evening

Please take note that a Parent Evening takes place annually, usually about two or three weeks after the schools open in January, at 18:30 for 19:00 on SNAP Academy's veranda. We strongly recommend that one or both parents attend this evening as important relevant information is shared on this occasion. You will also meet your child's new teacher and visit his/her new classroom.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind Regards,

SALOMÉ SMIT

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