



10 Maart 2026

RE: WhatsApp-groepe

Geagte Ouers / Voogde

Dit het onder die skool se aandag gekom dat daar onder die leerders WhatsApp - kommunikasiegroepe, vir kommunikasie tussen die leerders gestig is. Dit word gebruik vir huiswerk, asook om werk onderlangs met mekaar uit te ruil, wat in konsep 'n baie goeie gedagte is en in baie gevalle vir die regte redes gebruik word.

Dit het ongelukkig ook in sommige gevalle die teenoorgestelde uitwerking gehad, waar daar op van die groepe onweloweglike taal, video's en GIF's aan mekaar aangestuur word. Dit is uiters kommerwekkend dat leerders dan ook die groepe gebruik om ander leerders te bespreek en ook ander leerders op die groep sleg te sê en te oordeel.

Die skool doen 'n dringende versoek op u, as ouers en voogde van die leerders, om asb. 'n deeglike ondersoek op u leerders se fone te doen en om enige soortgelyke gevalle met u kinders aan te spreek. Ons, as skool, verstaan ten volle dat selfone die kommunikasie vergemaklik, maar leerders word ook ingetrek by aspekte, waaraan hulle dalk nog nie blootgestel moet word nie.

Ek hoop u verstaan die erns hiervan en ek versoek asb. u samewerking in die verband. Kom ons beskerm asb. ons leerders teen onnodige blootstelling, van negatiewe aspekte, wat ons kinders kan beïnvloed. Leerders is volgens wet, nie toegelaat om 'n platform soos WhatsApp, te gebruik, sonder die toestemming van ouers en of voogde nie.

Ek vertrou dat hierdie aspek dringende aandag by u sal geniet.

Valie-groete

J.N. Kriel

Skoolhoof

Vaalpark Primêre Skool/Primary School
Posbus / PO Box 16
PostNet
Vaalpark
1947
Tel: 016 971 2012/3
Email/Epos: admin@vaalparkprim.co.za



10 March 2026

RE: WhatsApp Groups

Dear Parents / Guardians

It has recently come to the attention of the school that learners have created their own WhatsApp communication groups to interact with one another. In principle, these groups are sometimes used for positive purposes such as discussing homework or sharing academic information, which can be beneficial when used responsibly.

However, it has unfortunately also come to our attention that some of these groups are being used inappropriately. In certain instances, learners have been sharing offensive language, inappropriate videos, and GIFs. Even more concerning is that some learners are using these groups to speak negatively about fellow learners, to judge them, and to make hurtful comments about others.

The school views this matter in a very serious light. Such behaviour is unacceptable and goes directly against the values of respect, responsibility, and dignity that we strive to uphold at our school.

We therefore urgently request all parents and guardians to please conduct a thorough check of their child's phone and WhatsApp activity. Should you come across any concerning content or conversations, we ask that you address these matters directly with your child. While the school acknowledges that mobile phones and digital platforms can make communication easier, they also expose learners to situations and content that may not be appropriate for their age.

We appeal to you as parents and guardians to work together with the school to guide and protect our learners. It is important that we safeguard our children from unnecessary exposure to negative influences that may impact their emotional well-being and the respectful culture we strive to maintain within our school community.



Please also note that according to the platform's terms of use, learners are not permitted to use applications such as WhatsApp without the consent and supervision of their parents or guardians.

We trust that this matter will receive your immediate and serious attention, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us address this concern responsibly.

Kind regards

J.N. Kriel
Principal

Vaalpark Primêre Skool/Primary School

Posbus / PO Box 16

PostNet

Vaalpark

1947

Tel: 016 971 2012/3

Email/Epos: admin@vaalparkprim.co.za