



Bright Beginnings Preschool

INFORMATION GUIDE 2025



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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

The aim of the parents' information guide is to provide insight into our fun and nurturing school environment, as well as act as a quick referencing tool for all parents and guardians to obtain the relevant information needed regarding our policies and procedures.

Bright Beginnings Preschool was created to meet the existing need of high-quality childcare for children between 3 months and 6 years of age. We look forward to working in partnership with you in order to create a secure learning environment where learning is prioritised, and your child's growth potential is maximised.

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01 PHILOSOPHY

Bright Beginnings Preschool ensures to offer a high standard of childcare, education and learning. We strive for Inclusive Education, focusing on the individual child holistically. It is our aim to incorporate international standards and to provide your child with the nurture, growth and learning that is imperative. A loving and caring environment that allows your child to learn through fun activities and play and reach his/her full potential. Our preschool provides qualified staff that are passionate, enthusiastic and loving.

02 ETHOS

Bright Beginnings Preschool follows Christian values and we respect and acknowledge diversity. Children of all religious backgrounds are welcomed at Bright Beginnings Preschool.

At Bright Beginnings we believe that each child is an individual and should be treated as such. We focus on the holistic development of the child incorporating all aspects of growth. These aspects are as follows: socio-emotional, cognitive, physical, relational, creative and spiritual. We strive to encourage diversity and inclusion in all spheres of our program.

03 LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

The team comprises of a play therapist, speech therapist and occupational therapist who regularly meet with one another, as well as the class teacher and principal.

04 SECURITY MEASURES

1. Strict access control to the premises
2. Grounds are monitored by security patrol
3. CCTV cameras 24/7
4. Panic buttons
5. Biometric access.

05 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL AND SICK POLICY

Please do not send your children to school if they are ill. They will certainly feel miserable and may make other children sick. If we believe your child is ill or is becoming ill, please be understanding if we decide to send them home. No medication will be administered at school, unless in an emergency with signed consent from parents or guardians. Bright Beginnings Preschool has a strict 48 hour policy with regards to illness.

Please note that no refunds and/or discounts are provided for absent days.

06 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- Newsletter
- Whatsapp Group
- Lillio app

07 DAY ONE AT BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

The first day back to school in the new year can be a little tricky and for this reason we ask our parents to please familiarize yourself with our website and packing for the first day. Our staff are extremely excited to meet their new preschoolers and will do their best to make your little one feel welcome. We know that leaving your little one on the first day is difficult, but ask that you say goodbye and not linger, that we may settle our preschoolers as soon as possible.

08 EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

- MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
- GYMNASTICS
- BALL SKILLS
- BALLET
- ART AND POTTERY
- SWIMMING

09 RATIOS

3 MONTHS - 18 MONTHS 1:4

18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS 1:6

3 YEARS - 6 YEARS 1:12



CURRICULUM

A blended preschool curriculum that combines elements from the Montessori, traditional, and Reggio Emilia approach. This holistic approach aims to create a rich and diverse learning environment for young children:

Montessori Method:

Developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, this method emphasizes independence, self-directed learning, and hands-on exploration.

1.1 Key Features:

- Individualized Learning: Children choose activities from a prepared environment based on their interests and readiness.
- Concrete Materials: Use of specialized Montessori materials for sensory exploration (e.g., sandpaper letters, mathematics manipulatives).

1.2 Integration into Blended Curriculum:

- Incorporate Montessori materials and activities into play centers.
- Allow children to explore materials freely, fostering curiosity and self-discovery.

Traditional Methods:

Traditional education often follows a structured curriculum with teacher-led instruction.

2.1 Key Features:

- Formal Academics: Focus on literacy, numeracy and subject-specific content.
- Teacher-Directed: Teachers guide lessons and set learning objectives.
- Classroom Routines: Fixed schedules and standardized assessments.

2.2 Integration into Blended Curriculum:

- Introduce age-appropriate academic concepts during group time.
- Use traditional teaching methods for foundational skills (e.g. letter recognition, counting etc).

Reggio Emilia Approach:

Founded by Loris Malaguzzi, this approach views children as competent, curious, and active learners.

3.1 Key Features:

- Project-Based Learning: Emerges from children's interests and questions.
- Documentation: Teachers record children's learning experiences (e.g. photos and journals).
- Collaboration: Involves parents, teachers and the community.
- Art and Creativity: Artistic expression is central to learning.

3.2 Integration into Blended Curriculum:

- Create project-based investigations inspired by children's inquiries.
- Document children's progress through photos, artwork and written reflections.

Holistic Learning Through Play:

Recognizes play as a powerful vehicle for learning across all domains.

4.1 Key Features:

- Child-Centered: Allow children to explore, create and problem-solve through play.
- Social-Emotional Development: Encourage cooperation, empathy and communication.
- Imagination and Creativity: Provide open-ended materials for imaginative play.

4.2 Integration into Blended Curriculum:

- Design play-based learning centers that incorporate elements from Montessori, traditional and Reggio Emilia Approach.
- Foster a balance between structured activities and child-initiated play.

In a blended preschool curriculum, teachers can weave these approaches together, adapting to the unique needs and interests of each child. By combining the strengths of Montessori, traditional methods, Reggio Emilia Approach and play-based learning, educators create a dynamic and holistic educational experience.

BABY CENTRE

We provide the following:

- Paediatric Nurse visits
- Baby Massage
- Weekly weight checks
- Breathing monitors, cots and linen
- Dedicated 1:4 staff ratio
- Fresh baby food made daily - assisting parents with weaning babies onto solids
- Practical Baby Programme followed
- Brain Gym
- Art and sensory based activities
- Lillio app - online logbook throughout the day and sending parents a daily report regarding bottles, nappy changes, napping, mood etc
- First Aid including Baby CPR and choking

Please send:

- Sterilised bottles and formula (Sent home daily)
- Nappies
- Change of clothes
- Dummy (if baby uses one)

SWIMMING SCHOOL

Swimming is an important life skill. Lessons are provided in the afternoons.

FACILITIES INCLUDE

- A heated pool
- Shade port
- Safety cover
- Clearvu fence (2m height)
- Padi qualified swimming instructors (level 1 and level 2)
- First Aiders (level 1 and level 2)

FEES

R1900.00 per swimming season
One 30min class per week

SWIMMING SEASONS:

September - December
January - April



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FEE STRUCTURE AND HOURS

Fees payable monthly (including December). Invoices are sent on the 25th of the month for the following month ahead. Fees must be paid in advance by the 1st of the month. A late penalty fee of R200.00 will be charged for late payments. Attendance suspension will be enforced by the 5th of the month until outstanding fees are settled in full. Fees are payable via internet transfer or debit order.

6:30 -13:00 (5 Days/week)	R4 750.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -18:00 (5 Days/week)	R5 600.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -13:00 (3 Days/week)	R3 550.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -18:00 (3 Days/week)	R3 990.00	per month over 12 months

BABY CENTRE

6:30 -13:00 - Baby Centre (5 Days/week)	R5 250.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -18:00 - Baby Centre (5 Days/week)	R5 950.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -13:00 - Baby Centre (3 Days/week)	R3 900.00	per month over 12 months
6:30 -18:00 - Baby Centre (3 Days/week)	R4 450.00	per month over 12 months

Once off enrolment fee applicable to new pupils R1 500.00

*Late collection after 18h00 will be billed a penalty fee of R150.00 for every 15min over time)
2024 Fees include , Breakfast, Morning snack, Lunch and Holiday Club*

PLEASE NOTE:

- In the event that a student is unable to further attend school, one term's notice is required. Absence due to illness or holidays does not exempt parents from any payment which is due.
- Bright Beginnings conforms to the ISASA 4 Term Calendar
- 6% Annual Discount: Fees paid in full
- 4% Termly Discount: Fees paid in advance for the term ahead. (Quarterly payments)
- Sibling Discount: 5% on the second and subsequent children. The eldest child is charged at the standard fee rate.

STATIONERY, ART SUPPLIES, WORKBOOKS AND SECURITY LEVY.

Stationery fee: R1950.00 invoiced annually in January and pro rata for children enrolling after January.

Each student will be provided a Bright Beginnings shirt and hat upon registration. Additional uniform is available via the online shop found on the website.

(Note: The hat will remain at the school in your child's respective classrooms.)

BANKING DETAILS

Bright Beginnings Preschool
FNB Business Account
Account Number: 62633207784
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