



# PARENT INFO GUIDE

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Passion and Inspiration

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## 1. DUENDÉ ACADEMY

### 1.1 Our management

Name and Photo	Position	Qualifications	Experience
Monique Pretorius	Director	BA Child and Family Psychology Degree Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) BEd (Hons) Educational Psychology Degree	13 years
Marisa vd Westhuizen	Director	BEd Intermediate and Senior Phase Degree	13 years

### 1.2 About our Academy

"A quality of passion and inspiration", that is the slogan for our Academy. It takes baby steps which will grow into huge leaps, making a difference in the heart and soul of every learner that takes the pride studying here. Small, intimate classes providing an education that is both interesting and fun puts a smile on each face, a smile that will become a smile of a future leader. Our Academy makes differences in the lives of many children, from offering innovative, high quality education to outstanding extra-curricular activities.

Opening the Academy is a dream in many instances such as; teaching new things in life, shaping the future together and lets you take initiative, deal with responsibilities, giving an opportunity to share knowledge in different fields and the opportunity of shaping the life's of children – as the saying goes: "Children are like wet cement, whatever touches them in their youth leaves a lasting impression".

Making a difference in someone else's life was and will always be a dream, passion and goal of our Academy. With passion, inspiration, perseverance, adaptability, self-motivation, a mixture of our strengths, life experience, achievements and most importantly our knowledge, we believe we can make a difference in the youth of today. We will always be available to teach, listen and make children feel safe and needed. By helping a single child, that child can make such a big difference in his/her community. A life can be restored, dreams can be built again. We will strive to develop each child in a whole, meaning, intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

### 1.3 Who we are (Why choose us?)

After great research in the West Rand/Roodepoort, it was clear that schools are growing at an enormous pace, whereas the classes are over-sized and educational needs are of less importance. Some learners get lost in the classroom resulting in poor educational performance. This means that the smaller private centres need to step up and keep up

with new trends and technology in the industry to sustain success and growth within our field.

Duendé Academy is situated in Roodepoort/Krugersdorp on the West Rand of Gauteng. The Academy is an educational centre offering an Impaq based curriculum ([www.impaq.co.za](http://www.impaq.co.za)) to all enrolled. The centre currently caters for learners from Grade RR to Grade 12.

With groups of no more than 10 learners per class from Grade RR to Grade 12, our families can rest-assured in the fact that our class environments and teaching are manageable, well-maintained and involved.

We believe firmly that our parents and families play an integral role in their children's education and as such, our partnerships with our parents are essential.

Choosing an educational centre such as our Academy has several advantages, namely:

- **Academic:** As a parent, you want to provide the best education for your child/children. However, an increasing number of parents are of the opinion that the traditional educational system inhibits a child's potential. An educational centre provides a suitable solution, and is also more cost-effective than the alternative, private schools.
- **Faith and values:** Many families are concerned that the education their children receive in the traditional educational system is not based on their own religion and value system. For most families, it is important to educate their children according to their religious principles. Duendé Academy specifically provides for a Christian-based education system.
- **Flexibility:** Children of families with special needs don't enjoy the necessary flexibility that they need in a traditional school. Duendé Academy allows you to design your curriculum around your **own time** and **needs** and to learn at your **own pace**.
- **Safety:** Unfortunately, not all people see schools as safe havens for their children. Violence, drugs, the dangers of peer pressure, bullying and emotional safety of children are often the deciding factors in choosing homeschooling or tutor centre.
- **Teaching:** As a parent, you want your child to be taught with a lot of patience and care. Duendé Academy provides qualified and experienced teachers who consider the needs of each individual learner as very important and designs their teaching approach to each specific learner, so that each learner develops their full potential in the educational system.

## 2. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

### 2.1 Impaq Based Curriculum

Impaq has developed a comprehensive curriculum, in line with CAPS, for Grade R to 12. Their curriculum is based on a distance-learning model, which enables individualised learning. This model allows facilitators to focus on the individual learning styles and needs of learners in a class environment.

The curriculum comprises of four phases, namely:

- Foundation Phase (Grade R to 3)
- Intermediate Phase (Grade 4 to 6)
- Senior Phase (Grade 7 to 9)
- Further Education and Training Phase, known as FET (Grade 10 to 12)

Impaq offers over 150 subjects from Grade R to 12, available in both English and Afrikaans. This includes all compulsory subjects as per CAPS requirements, as well as five additional selective subjects in Grade 8 and 9 and 21 additional selective subjects in Grade 10 to 12.

## 2.2 Assessment and Monitoring

Impaq supplies all assessment components and reports to continuously evaluate a learner's performance. This includes the following per subject:

- **School-based assessment tasks (Grade R to 3):** Impaq supplies SBAs in the Portfolio books that can be used for continuous assessment of learners.
- **Tasks and tests (Grade 4 to 6):** Impaq supplies all the tasks and tests Grade 4 to 6 learners have to complete throughout the year as well as memorandums in the facilitator's guide.
- **Portfolio books (Grade 7 to 12):** All continuous assessment components Grade 7 to 12 learners have to complete, excluding examinations, are supplied in the portfolio books.
- **Portfolio memorandums (Grade 7 and 11):** The portfolio memorandum includes the memorandums for assessment components in the Grade 7 and 11 portfolio books. Please note that Grade 12 memorandums are not made available to centres or facilitators, as all assessment are sent to Impaq for marking.
- **Examinations:** Impaq supplies all the examination papers the learner has to write throughout the year. The June examination (Grade 4 to 12), Preliminary Examination (Grade 12) and November examination (Grade 4 to 11) are mailed to the teachers. All examinations from Grade 4 to 11 are taken at the Academy. Impaq compiles examination papers externally and only offers the examination on a scheduled basis. Memorandums are sent to the teachers. The Grade 11 November examinations are sent to Impaq for marking. Grade 12 memorandums are not made available, as all assessments are sent to Impaq for marking.

## 2.3 Report cards/progress reports

Impaq issues regular report cards and progress reports to parents, learners and facilitators. Impaq's report card for Grade 1 to 9 is, according to the Schools Act, a service we provide to the parent/guardian and the parent/guardian therefore also declares that the result of the assessment reflects the facilitator's opinion of the learner's progress.

## 2.4 Promotion requirements

### Foundation Phase requirements (GR R-3)

- Home Language: 50%
- First Additional Language: 40%
- Mathematics: 40%

### Intermediate Phase requirements (GR 4-6)

- Home Language: 50%
- First Additional Language: 40%
- Mathematics: 40%
- Any two other subjects: 40%

### Senior Phase requirements (GR 7-9)

- Home Language: 50%
- First Additional Language: 40%
- Mathematics: 40%
- Any three other compulsory subjects: 40%
- Any two other compulsory subjects: 30%

## 2.5 Textbook lists and prices

Parents/guardians can only purchase the textbooks through Impaq (Contact details at point 9 of the Parent Info Guide). The payment is done directly to Impaq and they will deliver it at Duendé Academy. The Stationery lists for each phase will be provided on the class groups.

## 3. ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND CENTRE FEE STRUCTURE

### 3.1 Annual registration

A non-refundable annual Registration and Development fee of **R2000.00** per family is required. The fee will be levied and payable before or on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December of the current year of teaching for the following year, as well as the first month's (January's) centre fee.

The annual Registration and Development fee **includes** the following:

- A deposit to secure the learner's place in the Centre
- One branded golf t-shirt (centre uniform)
- Communication Book (includes front page and covered)
- All copy work
- Workbooks (includes front covers)

### 3.2 Centre Fee structure

The centre fee structure for all different phases will be provided separately.

## 4. CENTRE HOURS

Duendé Academy provide services on weekdays which are Mondays to Thursdays from 08:00 to 14:00 (Foundation Phase comes out at 13:00) and Fridays from 08:00 to 13:00, excluding public holidays and school holidays, as indicated on the Calendar. There will also be an Aftercare centre from 14:00-18:00 from Mondays to Fridays. The cost per month will be R1500.00 (includes a meal and 1-2 beverages). Home- and study work as well as assessment tasks will be attended to. There will be a penalty fee of R250.00 per half hour after 18:00, if a child is picked up late.

## 5. EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

Duendé Academy does not have any sport. If a learner is interested to participate in a sport, they can attend trails at any traditional school – it is allowed. Duendé Academy does have extra-mural activities. Information will be given in the beginning of every academic year.

## 6. CENTRE RULES

### 6.1 Appearance

#### GR R - 3

Summer wear
All GR R – 3 learners must wear the Duendé Academy prescribed navy golf t-shirt. The learners can wear a black/navy short/denim with the golf t-shirt. If it is cold, learners may wear the navy fleece top of scout jacket (also available at the centre). They may come without shoes.
Winter wear
All GR R – 3 learners wear the Duendé Academy prescribed navy golf t-shirt, long sleeve navy shirt, navy fleece top, navy scout jacket, navy beanie or scarf with a denim. The winter centre uniform is only worn with tekkies.

#### GR 4-12

Summer wear
All learners must wear the Duendé Academy prescribed navy golf t-shirt and a denim (long, $\frac{3}{4}$ or short, but not shorter than four fingers above the knee). If it is cold, learners may wear the navy fleece top or scout jacket. They may come without shoes.
Winter wear
Learners must wear the Duendé Academy prescribed navy golf t-shirt, long sleeve navy shirt, navy fleece top, navy scout jacket, 3-in-1 privilege jacket (GR 8-12), navy beanie or scarf with a denim. The winter centre uniform is only worn with tekkies.





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## 6.2 **General rules**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<u>Hair:</u> A neat hairstyle, with the hair out of the face. Girls may not colour their hair. No make-up is allowed. <u>Jewellery:</u> Only the following jewellery is acceptable: Watches One gold/silver signature ring One pair of earrings (Standard-size) 1 x JESUS-bracelet	<u>Hair :</u> A neat haircut. No strange experimental hairstyles are allowed.  <u>Jewellery:</u> Only the following jewellery is acceptable: Watches 1 x JESUS-bracelet

## 6.3 **The use of cell phones**

- Cell phones must be kept at home, but in cases where a learner must bring a cell phone, it must be switched off at all times.
- **The centre takes no responsibility if a cell phone is stolen or broken.**
- No cell phone may be used without the permission of a teacher.
- Parents are not allowed to phone their children during centre hours. Parents can phone the office, and the message will be given to the learner.
- Cell phone technology can lead to the following:
  1. Dishonesty in exams or tests.
  2. Unwanted photos and videos.
  3. The spread of pornography.
  4. Criminals that target learners.
- If learners use their phones without permission, the phone will be taken and parents can sign it out at the office and a fine will be payable.

## 6.4 **Disciplinary System**

We make use of the "Merit and Demerit System". This is a system to keep record of all the merits and demerits that the learner may receive. The list for merits and demerits as well as the rewards and punishments will be pasted in the Communication Book. Parents can find the merit- or demerit slips in the Communication Book. Please acknowledge by signing the slips. Record will be kept of it.

For more serious misconduct, we strictly follow our Code of Conduct, which is available for viewing at the office and will

## 6.5 **Classroom rules**

1. At Duendé Academy we **respect** one another. Everyone is equal and treated with respect.
2. Learners will raise their hands when they want to speak.
3. Homework and class work must always be completed in time.





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4. Any assessment tasks that must be handed in, must be on time, so that the work can be marked.
5. Parents must sign class tests, assessment tasks and exam papers, so that they can be up to date with the learner's performance.
6. Learners must be proud of their classroom and work.
7. No hate language or racism is allowed.
8. No eating or drinking in the classroom. Learners will have enough time during break to eat and have something to drink.
9. Learners may not damage the centre property. If they do, they will be held responsible to replace it.



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