



*Harriston Early Learning Centre
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Dear Prospective Harriston ELC Parent/Guardian,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for choosing the Harriston Early Learning Centre as a prospective learning institution for your child/ward. We are hopeful that he/she will gain acceptance into our school and join the Harriston Family.

This letter serves to inform you a little bit more about the ELC and what it includes.

The Harriston Early Learning Centre is committed to providing high-quality education to learners in order fully to prepare them for Grade 1 and "Big School!" It provides a safe and nurturing environment while promoting physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children. Harriston is a member of the Independent Examinations board (IEB) and the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA). This means that the school, and the programme it follows, is quality assured to be of the highest standards.

Our philosophy:

The Harriston Early Learning Centre is founded on the philosophy that children, their families and society benefit from high quality early childhood programmes. We believe that there is a critical link between a child's early experience and later success in life.

We believe that children need time to be children and time to experience their environment through play. Teaching is the art of providing young children with an environment which encourages active exploration and discovery. Projects are planned, yet responsive to individual needs and environmental changes. Opportunities are provided for children to take responsibility, make decisions and learn through play.

A child's positive self-image must be the foundation of all curriculum development in early childhood. A unique world view filtered by individual experience is brought to school each day by each child. The teaching staff is sensitive to this and how it determines the learning of the individual.

Children experience the world with all their senses, so activities are selected to be creative, to stimulate curiosity and challenge each child.

Our programme includes:






- ☞ Preparation for Literacy and Numeracy using Ten Town and Letterland.
- ☞ Planned learning activities appropriate to children's age and development, such as block building, painting, story time, dress up and active play.
- ☞ Occupational Therapy (Grades RR and R)
- ☞ Music
- ☞ IT (Grade R)
- ☞ Gross motor development
- ☞ Ongoing evaluation

- ☞ Theme related field trips
- ☞ Celebration of special days

You will receive a fee structure along with the application form and this letter, please note that the following are included in the school fees:

- ☞ All Stationery
- ☞ All toiletries (except nappies, cream, wet wipes, etc. for babies)
- ☞ Personal Accident Insurance (in case your child/ward gets hurt at school)
- ☞ ISASA Registration fees for your child/ward
- ☞ School Photographs (Group photographs and one individual photograph)
- ☞ School Excursions
- ☞ Digital School Magazine (yearly)
- ☞ All work books
- ☞ All photocopies
- ☞ Playball (all classes)
- ☞ Music (all classes)
- ☞ Computer lessons (Grade R)
- ☞ Occupational Therapy Development groups for grade R

You will need to include the grade that you are applying for on the application form. We understand that this may be a bit tricky when it comes to the ELC, especially with the different grades and correct age groups that need to be in those grades. We hope that the table below can assist with this.

| <i>Grade</i> | <i>Class Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|--------------|--|------------|
| Crèche | Buzy Bees  | Under 2 |
| 4R |  Bouncy Bears | Turning 3 |
| 3R | Elephant  | Turning 4 |
| 2R |  Froggie | Turning 5 |
| R | Owl  | Turning 6 |

Applications for Grades

RRR, RR and R require a screening and a report by an Occupational Therapist. You may visit an Occupational Therapist of your choice, or you may use an Occupational Therapist that is willing to assist parents with these screenings for a minimal fee of R250 – this includes the screening and a report that is required by the school. Please note that this fee is separate from the application fee (R540).

We also offer after-care including lunch at the ELC at an additional fee.

- ☞ Pre-primary aftercare including lunches – R850 per month
(also indicated on the school fee structure)

Should you require any further information please contact the ELC on 058 623 2755.

Good luck with your application!



Yours faithfully,

Harriston Early Learning Centre

Harriston School Banking Details

Bank : ABSA
 Account No : 9101 50 618
 Branch code : 632 005
 Type of acc : Cheque Account
 Reference : The applicant (learner) name & surname