



**AGGENEYS
INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMY**

Year: 2024 (Vol 12/1 - Jan)



The Goshawk

!!!! Important dates!!!!

2024 Term Dates

Total academic days

17 Jan – 20 March	46
9 April – 14 June	46
9 July – 20 Sept	53
8 Oct – 6 December	44

= 189 days (learners)
= 194 days (staff)

**EAGLE HOUSE SCHOOL
FET PHASE TERM DATES
3 TERMS**

11 Jan – 28 March
24 April – 31 July
28 August – 6 December

ACADEMY

Academy Test Cycle Week

11th – 15th March 2024

Parent Consultations

18th – 19th March 2024

ADMIN UPDATES AND REQUESTS:

VERY IMPORTANT

It is vital that all parents ensure they are on one of these communication groups for regular feeds and updates:

- AIA fund-raising and Notices groups
- BB Whatsapp group

Please follow us on facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091591255589&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

or visit our website:

<https://www.aia.school.za>

for information about our school, policies, registrations and more

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been more than a week of our return to school, and I just want to wish all of you a prosperous and happy 2024! In addition to the usual challenges, achievements, and the pace at a busy school, the 2023 journey took us through twists and turns of a scale and nature that we could never have foreseen, yet we came through unscathed.

We are pleased that a good number of new pupils and their families are starting their AIA journey this term. To these families we extend a warm welcome and best wish for a happy and enriching association with our school. We are also welcoming two new academic staff members to our ranks.

In the high school department, Mrs Muriel Van den Heever have joined us with her vast number of teaching experience in Maths and Science. A young and vibrant lady, Ms Tamryn Robertson, have also joined us in Key stage 2 (Stage 6). Welcome and good luck to these two ladies!

At the start of the year, we all arrive with certain expectations. It is appropriate for pupils, parents, and the school to have high expectations of each other in our three-pillar partnership. Parents and pupils are within their rights to expect the school to offer a wide range of opportunities for learning and growth in a safe, secure, well-structured, well-maintained, disciplined, stimulating, and encouraging environment.

It is appropriate for parents to expect professionalism and high standards from educators, coaches, and support staff. In a privileged context such as ours, parents and teachers should have high, clear, and fair expectations of pupils. The minimum requirements should be, 'invest your best effort' and 'have consideration for others'. The school has expectations of parents too: communication, support, and involvement without interference. Our expectations of each other are valid when they pass the reasonability test.

Schools are places of hope where pupils should be encouraged to dream, dare, and strive. The hopes we foster are often not as openly expressed as our expectation. This is because they include our ambitions and wishes, aimed at targets beyond minimum requirement. Sharing these bears risk because we might fail. Yet, I would encourage parents, teachers, and pupils to take time at the start of this year to discuss your hopes. We have a much better chance of realising our hopes in a team effort with those who care. The sky is the limit in a community where we sincerely want each other to succeed.

The expectations and hopes we carry with us into a new school year have a flipside, of course: fear of failure. It is our human nature to fear 'What if?' As with our hopes, it helps to articulate our fears to those who care about us. It is empowering to make peace with the reality that we are not going to get everything right in the year ahead. In our failed attempts lies the opportunity to learn and grow.

I wish every member of the Aggeneys International Academy community, a happy and prosperous 2024. Reaching back to where I started in this letter, I want to conclude with the following suggestion, to help us all deliver on our expectations, realise our hopes and conquer our fears: Imagine what can happen if we stand together, help each other succeed and don't care who gets the credit!

Regards

Mr Bugan

GENERAL

A well-organised school is extremely important for a positive learning environment. Please see a few important pointers below to ensure this positive learning environment.

School Times

Academy: Starting time: 07:10 (All Key stages)
Dismissal times: Key stage 1: 12:30
Key stage 2 & 3: 13h30

Eagle House Hybrid School dismissal time: 14h15

All students to be in class at 07:10 daily when the bell rings and where daily attendance will be taken. Our timetable for teaching starts at 07:15. Students to be always punctual.

Summer Uniform

All students must wear their summer uniform every day. Please ensure your child is dressed accordingly and that they are compliant with haircuts, girls' hairstyles, sock colours, and PE uniform. We do not mind the winter polar fleece jacket on cooler days.... but not on normal hot days. Key stage 2 and 3 only wears PE uniform on their days for PE. Ensure your child has a water bottle filled with water to stay hydrated during these hot days.

COMMUNICATION

I said at our meet and greet that we would like to improve on communication for this year and going forward. I would like to remind all parents, old and new, of the following forms of communication:

- WhatsApp – the school uses the AIA Noticeboard on this platform to make official announcements. We are also using the platform for different classes. Teachers will make announcements here to communicate with class parents directly. Times for communication between teachers and parent are between 7:00am – 6.30pm. Please respect these times. No teacher is allowed to communicate with any parent during teaching time. If it is an emergency matter, please contact the office of the secretary.

VISITING THE ACADEMY OR BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

- Please drop learner's off in the designated parking areas (either in front of BB or opposite the Academy where the parents normally park).
- Parents are reminded to make an appointment with the principal or the class teacher before any consultation can happen.
- No parent is allowed to visit his/her child's class teacher without signing the visitor's register in the secretary's office.
- Please remember to follow these rules because they are essential to the safeguarding of our learners.

WHEN A PROBLEM ARISES:

There are going to be times when a problem arises, and you need to come to the school. We are always open to listening to you our client, but would like to remind you to take the following steps to resolve the issue:

- It is your responsibility to listen to your child. Please remind yourself that his/her version must be corroborated by the teacher/s.
- Make an appointment to see the class teacher to discuss the matter and try to resolve it.
- If you are still not satisfied with the outcome, make an appointment to see the head of department.
- If the HOD is unable to help you, make an appointment with the principal.

It does not help you, the parent, if you seek help from another parent to resolve the issue. If you follow this route, it leads to unnecessary miscommunications and leaves you and the child, with no resolution. If the problem is at the school, resolve it with the school. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

BRANDING OUR SCHOOL

As part of the strategy to brand ourselves as a private school, branding will help to foster a sense of identity, discipline, safety, equality, and community when implementing uniforms with school logos or unified colours. These samples of school branded items will be part of our initiative to standardise clothing and accessory items. To name one of our challenges, the blue shirt for our primary school learners, now appears in all different shades of blue (some even purplish of colour). This unfortunately is not part of our school's culture. The samples shirts (with a size guide) and bags below, is what we will be starting with to address the issue of standardising our brand.



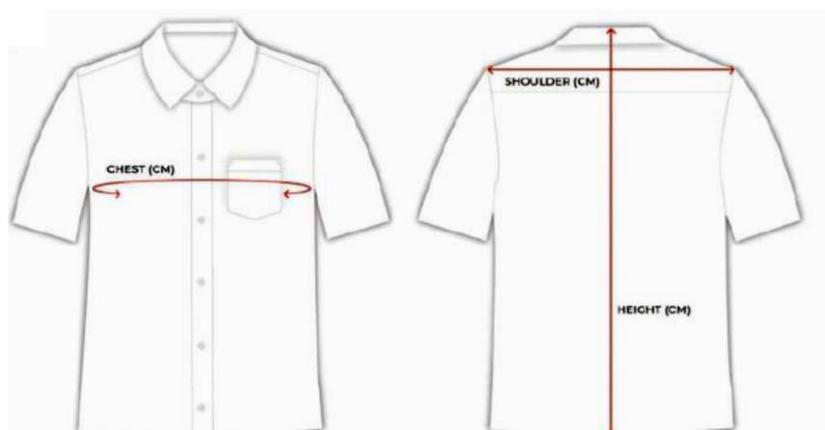
Primary School Shirt



High School Shirt

Shirt sizing guide

The sizing guides are based on the physical measurement of the garments, not the measurement of your body. It is advisable to select one size above your body measurement.



Size	Chest (To Fit) (From underarm to underarm, all way round)	Height (CM) (From highest to lowest point of garment)	Shoulders (CM) (From shoulder seam to seam)
5	59	54	33
6	62	56	34
7	64	58	35
8	66	60	37
9	69	62	38
10	71	64	40
11	74	66	41
12	76	68	42
13	81	70	44
14	87	72	46
92	92	75	47
97	97	78	48
102	102	80	50
107	107	82	52
112	112	82	54
117	117	82	56
122	122	82	57
127	127	83	5

We would also like to brand our student bags because we have lots of different variants in terms of shape, colour, and styles. Below we have our branded bags:

Junior and Senior School Bags



Sports Bag



Branded school lunch bag (insulated inside)



Order forms for the items, will go out on Monday 29 January. Please complete them and send it back to the school as soon as possible. Minimum quantities are required to place an order with the manufacturers.

SCHOOL FEES STRUCTURE FOR 2024

Bright Beginnings

Day Care	1st Child	2nd Child 10% discount	3rd Child 12,5% discount
Full day (6am-6pm)	R 1 637,13	R 1 473,42	R 1 432,49
Half day (6am-12pm)	R 998,25	R 898,43	R 873,47
After Care(12pm-6pm)	R 715,00	R 643,50	R 625,63

Pre-Primary	1st Child	2nd Child 10% discount	3rd Child 12,5% discount
Full day	R 1 477,41	R 1 329,67	R 1 292,73
Half day	R 998,25	R 898,43	R 873,47

Extra		
Full day visit	R 150,00	Per day
Half day visit	R 80,00	Per day
After care -visit more than 6 hours	R 50,00	Per Hour
Registration	R 500,00	once off

Academy

	1st Child	2nd Child 10% discount	3rd Child 12,5% discount
KS1	R 1 600,83	R 1 440,75	R 1 400,73
KS2	R 1 734,24	R 1 560,81	R 1 517,46
KS3	R 2 061,68	R 1 855,51	R 1 803,97
Hybrid model	R 2 625,00	R 2 625,00	R 2 625,00

Additional	
Book Levy- Annually	R 400,00
Stage R and Stage 1 Progression Assessment	R 150,00
Registration- once off with new enrollment	R 500,00
Internet- Annually KS3 & Hybrid model	R 100,00

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STAFF FOR 2024

Class	Age group	Staff
Educare		
Vlinders	4 – 5 years	Ms. Zimri / Mrs. Titus (Temp)
Flamingo	4 – 5 years	Ms. Wilson / Mrs. Geduld
Bambies	3 – 4 years	Ms. Newman / Ms. Josop
Suikerbekkies	3 – 4 years	Ms. Waterboer/Mrs. van den Heever (Temp)
Creché		
Turtles	0 – 18 months	Mrs. Meyer / Ms. Cloete
Whales	0 – 18 months	Mrs. Ditlhokwe / Ms. Adams
Seals	18 – 24 months	Ms. Josop / Mrs. Hendrikse
Penguins	18 – 24 months	Ms. Joseph / Mrs. Markus
Dolphins	2 – 3 years	Mrs. Kruger/Mrs. Sabastiaan
Seahorses	2 – 3 years	Mrs. Swartz / Mrs. Cloete
Partial Care	6 – 9 years	Ms. Brand Ms. Kruger Mrs. Bailey
Cook		Ms. Muller Mrs. Cloete
Receptionist		Mrs. Swartz
General Worker		Ms. Cloete
Manager		Mrs. Ramon

Staff related news:

Mrs. Brand is currently on paternity leave, she will return the 01st of April to the Vlinders room.

We want to thank Mrs. Bam and Mrs. Bester for their devoted caring for our little ones. Mrs. Bam left to pursue her dream and Mrs. Bester left due to unforeseen circumstances. We wish them all the best.

Important dates:

- BB Athletics with Academy on 2 February 2024 (2yrs – 5yrs)
- BB Parents Meet and Greet – 06th February 2024.

General remarks:

- Please ensure that the little ones are at the school by 08:00 the latest for our curriculum programme runs from 08:00 – 12:00.

AIA Academy Calendar Term 1, 2024

Monday 03 rd January	All BB Staff and children return
Thursday 06 th January	Workshop: Child Protection and Safeguarding
Friday 12 th January	Baseline Assessments for new students Support Staff returns
Monday 15 th January	Academy staff return – Staff meeting
Tuesday 16 th January	Teachers Workshop continues till 11h00
Wednesday 17 th January	School opens for learners
Thursday 18 th January	Parent Welcome Meeting @17h15
Monday 22-25 th January	Staff subject meetings
Tuesday 30 th January	Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday 1 st February	BB Raffle to go out
Friday 2 nd February	Interhouse Athletics
Tuesday 6 th February	Bright Beginnings Parent Meeting
Thursday 8 th February	Fundraising and PR Committee Meeting @ 17:15
Saturday 10 th February	High School Athletics – South Zone - Springbok
Wednesday 14 th February	Children’s Valentine’s Disco
Thursday 15 th February	Finance Committee Meeting @ 17h15
Saturday 17 th February	Khai-Ma Circuit Athletics – Aggeneys Sports Field
Thursday 22 nd February	HR & Academic Meeting @ 17h15
Friday 23 rd February	Namaqua Districts Athletics – Primary Schools - Springbok
Saturday 24 th February	Namaqua Districts Athletics – High Schools - Springbok
Wednesday 29 th February	Board of Governors Meeting
Monday 4 th March	BB ELC Quarterly Assessments start
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Term 1 Cycle Tests BB Quarterly Assessments completed BB Raffle forms to be returned
Monday 18 th March	Consultation Day 1 (Option 1: 17:30 – 19:00)
Tuesday 19 th March	Consultation Day 2 (Option 2: 13:45 -17:00)
Wednesday 20 th March	School Closes @ 10:30 BB Fun Day-Easter Egg Hunt BB remain open for Holiday Programme