



# GIBSON PILLAY LEARNING ACADEMY

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## Insights...

A very warm welcome to all our learners and parents, both old and new. We are happy to announce that the class of 2017 has achieved a 100% matric pass, all the best to them. Our office has been very busy for a few days already and its no different today considering that it is the first day of school. All our learners look so neat in their school uniforms, some of them wearing it for the first time. I would like to wish all of you the best for 2018 and may you reach your full academic potential at our school.



*First day of school. Everyone was very excited and a little nervous*

*There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs...*

*Unknown*

	Grade R - 2		Grade 3		Grade 4 - 12	
Day	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
Monday	07:45	13:30	07:45	14:00	07:45	14:30
Tuesday	07:45	13:30	07:45	14:00	07:45	14:30
Wednesday	07:45	13:30	07:45	14:00	07:45	14:30
Thursday	07:45	13:30	07:45	14:00	07:45	14:30
Friday	07:45	11:45	07:45	11:45	07:45	12:15

### Adhering to school times

Parents need to ensure that learners arrive at school on time. A newsletter was issued on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 regarding this and new learners were informed at the orientation held last year.

### Discussions with educators

We encourage all parents to have open discussions with all our educators. Our only appeal is that these meetings are scheduled so that educators can prepare for the meeting and please consider that it can only be scheduled from 14:30, from Monday to Thursday. The same applies to the principal.

### Cell Phone Policy

The school has a strict rule of not allowing learners to carry their phones to school. If your child is found with a phone on them, they will be required to pay a fine of R200. If your child is caught with a phone for a second time, the phone will be given back at the end of the term and for a third offence, it will be given back at the end of the year. For the second and third offence's, the R200 fine also applies.



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## School Uniforms

Parents are requested to ensure that learners are dressed in their proper school uniform at all times. Please consult the code of conduct for details.

## D6 Communicator

Please note that you are strongly advised to download the D6 communicator onto your mobile device and laptop. The school makes extensive use of this nifty piece of software to communicate all important matters. Please also ensure that you have a working email address to facilitate the smooth flow of information between the school and yourself.

## Important First Term Dates

Foundation Phase Meet & Greet	20 <sup>th</sup> January 09:00 – 11:00
Matric Parents Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> January (time TBA)
Mr MS Pillay's Birthday	08 <sup>th</sup> February
Valentines Day	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Athletics Meeting	TBA
Parents Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> April 08:30 – 10:30

## Textbooks

All outstanding textbooks will be issued within the next few days. Learners are requested to please maintain their textbooks. Lost and damaged textbooks will attract a fee.

## Diaries

The school diary is compulsory for all learners. Please ensure that it is purchased by the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and relevant details are entered into the diary. Parents must also ensure that all contact details are kept up to date which includes the details of transport providers.

## Early Leave

Early leave must be requested from the office in advance unless it is an emergency. Parents must inform the school if someone else is collecting the learner.

## Meet and Greet

We will be facilitating a meet and greet session for all grade R – 4 parents on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 from 09:00 – 10:30. Parents are encouraged to attend so that you are familiar with your child's educator's. Photos will be taken at a cost of R100 per set. Grade 1 – 4 learners will be required to wear their school uniforms as well.

## First Term Reports

All reports will be issued on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. Grades R – 3 will be dismissed at 09:30, Grades 4 – 7 at 10:00 and Grades 8 – 11 at 10:15. Please note that no reports will be issued prior to this. Learners are permitted to wear casual clothes @ a cost of R10.

## Matric Learners

Please be aware that matric learners conclude their day at 16:00 from Monday to Thursday and at 15:00 on a Friday. This will be in effect from Monday, 22 January 2018. It is compulsory that all learners attend. Please make the necessary transport arrangements.

A timetable will be issued detailing the schedule of subjects.

## Foundation Phase Party

The Foundation Phase learners will be having their end of term party on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

Mcdonalds will be arranged at R50 per child.

## Punctuality

Learners are reminded to be punctual for school. This is a very important trait of successful people. Latecomers will be issued with demerits and repeat offenders will be subjected to detention. Please study the diary for more information. Parents also need to be aware that all staff leave the school by 15:00 from Monday to Thursday and 13:00 on a Friday. Transport providers must collect learners by this time since the school will be locked and nobody will be available to care for the learners after this time.





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## Valentines Day

Valentines Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. We will be having a program at school and learners will be permitted to wear casual clothes at a cost of R10. Interested participants need to speak to Mrs Kader (Grade R – 3) and Ms Ramsamy (Grade 4 – 12). Learners need to be dressed appropriately or face being sent home. No ripped jeans are permitted. If learners are wearing shorts, it must be 2cm above the knee. Food will also be sold but orders must be placed by the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. The cost of the food is as follows: Wors Rolls: R20, Burgers: R30, Hotdog and Cold drink: R20. All meat products are either mutton or chicken and is halaal. Learners can also purchase a photo package for R100.

## Homework Centre, Extra Tuition

Extra tuition is offered to Grade 1 – 3 learners as well as Grade 8 & 9. Please phone the office regarding times and costs involved. Over and above this, the school runs a well established homework centre. It enables learners to complete all their homework after school under the guidance of our experienced educators. Call the school for more information on this as well. This service will commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

## Soccer Training

The school offers soccer training for all interested learners. This is done after school. Please call the office for more information. The training will commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

## 2018 School Fees

Grade	Registration	Monthly x 10	Total
R	R2000	R880	R10800
1, 2, 3	R2500	R990	R12400
4, 5, 6	R3000	R1100	R14000
7, 8	R3500	R1210	R15600
9, 10	R4000	R1430	R18300
11	R4500	R1650	R21000
12	R4500	R3300 x 5	R21000

## Detention

Detention is still being administered on a Monday and Wednesday from 14:30 – 16:00.

We are aware that detention is an unpleasant experience for all concerned i.e. parent, learner and teacher. Please ensure that learners follow the code of conduct to prevent detention.

## Statements of Account

Please study the statements carefully which are issued monthly and inform the school if there are any discrepancies. Please also remember that you have 3 months to query any issues.

## School Banking Details:

Standard Bank  
Account Number: 000276871  
Branch Code: 000205  
Branch: Johannesburg

Use your child's name and grade as a reference.

## Extramural Activities

We will be having the following activities at school during break: Monday – public speaking, Wednesday – Chess and Friday is book club day. Please encourage all learners to participate.

## Email Addresses

Please use the following email address for all account related matters: [gplaqueries@gmail.com](mailto:gplaqueries@gmail.com). All other issues should be directed to either [gpla07@gmail.com](mailto:gpla07@gmail.com) or [gpla05@telkomsa.net](mailto:gpla05@telkomsa.net).

## 2019 Registration Fee

This is a friendly reminder that if you wish to keep your child at GPLA for 2019, the registration fee is due on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2018. There are in excess of 60 learners that did not pay the 2018 registration fee but are sitting in class. These parents must please call the school ASAP.

## First Term Parents Meeting

Please note that the first term parents meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April from 08:30 – 10:30. Timeslots will be issued to respective parents, please adhere to these. If you would like to see one of the educators but did not receive a letter, please call the school to facilitate a meeting.

## School Camps

As communicated last year, learners from Grade 4 – 11 will be going on a school camp. The dates and costs have not yet been finalised but it would take place in the third term and the cost is in the region of R1500 per learner. It is compulsory for all learners to attend these camps as it is curriculum related and the experiences gained from the camps really benefit the learners.

Parents can start contributing towards this by paying the amount off on a monthly basis. Please use your child's name, grade and camp as a reference.

## Line Up

All learners are required to line up in the morning and after each break. Failure to remain silent and follow instructions will result in demerits being issued. Verbal warnings were issued for the first three day of school. As of Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, it will be recorded in their diaries.

*Going forward, we would really like all learners, parents and staff and familiarize themselves with our school vision and Mission Statement. This is to ensure that we get the buy in from all relevant stakeholders to drive the school in the directions that benefits all...*



Gibson Pillay Learning Academy's vision is to foster the holistic development of every learner through the promotion of critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills, as well as honesty, integrity and responsibility with a view to preparing them to become engaged, fully functionary citizens. Gibson Pillay Learning Academy also strives to foster a culture for the love of learning, open-mindedness, tolerance and humility.

## Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the school is to provide all pupils with the necessary skills, knowledge, understanding, values and attitudes, as well provide them with support, academic and otherwise; to simultaneously ensure the development of questioning and dedicated educators; to strive at all times and in all our endeavours to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment at Gibson Pillay Learning Academy.



*Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today...*

*Malcolm X*

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our parents for assisting us on the first day of school to make it run as smoothly as possible. I trust that the remainder of the term will be no different.

Yours in education

Mrs M Papa  
(Principal)