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Today's example, tomorrow's benchmark

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Dear Parents

LETTER REGARDING BAMBI NURSERY SCHOOL FEES FOR 2024

We direct this letter to you to explain the approach regarding the composition and breakdown of school fees, as well as the increase of the fees from 2023 to 2024.

Compilation of school fees

Our kids are our focus

In the 62-year existence of Bambi, Bambi has maintained the highest standards of care, development, and education for the children of Bambi Nursery School.

The recipe for our success is:

- Christian education supported by a tried and tested, independent and standardized curriculum;
- Qualified, dedicated teachers with dedicated, skilled assistants for each class group;
- Limited class sizes to ensure that each child is looked after as an individual;
- Purposeful toys and spacious classrooms with adequate toilet facilities for each class group;
- Safe and spacious playgrounds with quality apparatus and facilities and adequate supervision.

The main consideration with the composition of the fees is therefore the maintenance of these high standards of care, development, and education.

Bambi is a non-profit organisation

The balancing, and equally important, consideration of Bambi and the nature of the structure, knowing that it is a non-profit organisation run by the parents of the children in the school, and represented by the Governing Body. This unique feature distinguishes Bambi as an association of other private schools where the children compete with the owner's pocket. The fees that Bambi charges do not contain a profit component, you can be assured that all fees are collected, for the benefit of our children and that as parents we do not pay an additional premium in order to deliver a profit for an owner or investor.

Breakdown of school fees

"Pay-as-you-go" Bambi's fee structure aims to make us as parents pay only for the benefits and services the school provided for our children.

This "pay-as-you-go" approach admittedly leads to a fee structure that has more aspects than other private Nursery Schools, which charge a fixed fee regardless of the days or hours the little children are at school, or what they consume. However, this ensures transparency and limits the financial burden on parents. For example, if your child is not at school in the afternoons, you do not pay for the Aftercare and if your child stays at the Aftercare only a few afternoons, you only pay for afternoons that your child does participate in the afterschool. To further explain the various aspects of the fee structure, follow a pointed description of each fee charged:

School fees: This is the core fee and funds the development and education the children at Bambi receive until 14:00 every day. Bambi also distinguishes fees for babies and toddlers, which require more attention and consequently have smaller classes, and children. Please note that the Toddler fees is applicable to the Toddler class of learners for the whole year. School fees are also used to fund the excursions and outings as well as Special events.

Aftercare fees:

These fees only apply if your children stay with Bambi in the afternoon. The fee is payable in advance monthly.

There is also a package you can choose where you only pay for the single afternoon your child attends the Aftercare. These afternoons must be booked and paid in advance.

The Parents must pack a bottle of water for their child.

Holiday fees: These fees are charged if your child stays with Bambi during school holidays.

Registration Fees (Included the Class fee):

- Registration fees are payable before the beginning of the school year for both the school and the Aftercare. The recovery of a larger component of the annual school fees at the beginning of the school year by the registration fee, funds the uneven distribution of Bambi's expenses, where the school has more expenses at the beginning of the school year in respect of maintenance, service, cleaning and so forth, than during the course of the year. This fee is also payable recovered where children join Bambi later in the school year to be consistent in terms of children and parents who have already paid the fee at the beginning of the school year. Please note that Bambi does not charge any deposit over and above a registration fee.
- The Class fee forms part of the Registration Fee and is levied to purchase items such as stationery and other consumables that the children use in the class. By making bulk purchases, Bambi acquires better purchase prices and also ensures uniformity within the classes.

- **Monthly fees**
- **Fees charged over 11 months.** It's important to note that Bambi's fees are recovered over 11 calendar months and not the full 12 calendar months, like most other schools. This also applies to the Aftercare.
- **Parents will get a 10 % discount if they pay the full year's fees not later than 29 February 2024.**

Increasing the school fees for 2024

Increasing school fees with entrance from January 2024 stems from the reality that Bambi's cost base has been extradited to the same increases we as parents also experience.

To act as responsible and accountable representatives of the parents, the Governing Body conducted extensive market research in respect of fees levied and services rendered. In this regard, Bambi was found to consistently offer a better quality service to children and parents. Although increases in the market occur at 10% the Governing Body decided to charge only an increase of about 8,5 % on school fees for 2024. The 2024 school fees also include all toiletries such as toilet paper, tissues etc.

Herewith the schoolfees for 2024:

	School fees	Registration	Aftercare fees	Aftercare Registration
	<i>Per month over 11 months</i>	<i>Once off</i>	<i>Monthly as needed</i>	<i>Once off</i>
Babies	R3 450.00	R2 000.00		
Babies Aftercare	R1 390.00	R470.00		
Toddlers	R2 960.00	R2 000.00	R1 550.00	R470.00
Children	R2 650.00	R2 000.00	R1 360.00	R470.00

It was requested that the extra payment for Holiday care must be given.

Extra costs - Holiday			
	Amount	Number of days	Total
Children	R 80 (mornings)	24	R1 920.00
Toddlers	R 90 (mornings)	24	R2 160.00

Please note that the above mentioned Holiday fees are only applicable for the full time aftercare children.

Month	Holidays	Children	Toddlers
January			
February			
March	5	R400.00	R450.00
April			
May			
June	9	R720.00	R810.00
July	6	R480.00	R540.00
August			
September	4	R320.00	R360.00
October			
November			
December			
Total	24	R1 920.00	R2 160.00

We hope this letter was helpful regarding our School fees and Aftercare fees. If you have any questions feel welcome to contact us.

Regards



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