

# RINKINK PLAY SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET



## 1. INTRODUCTION

Rinkink Play School is registered with all the required local and central Government bodies. We aim to assist each child to develop optimally with an integrated “farm life” foundation.

## 2. LOCATION

The beautiful farm surroundings give our friends the opportunity to experience the Creation in a hands-on manner, while having plenty of fun at the same time. On the farm, our children develop a set of values based on respect, passion and love for animals and those around them. There is a wide variety of animals on the farm, which the children encounter in the play area, grazing areas, camps and fields.

## 3. STAFF

NAME	CLASS	CONTACT NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS	BIRTHDAY
Elsie Geringer	Principal	072 041 2527	<a href="mailto:elsie@rinkink.co.za">elsie@rinkink.co.za</a>	5 June
Nadia Tolken	Bird Class (4-5 years)	071 675 1151	<a href="mailto:ntolken@webafrica.org.za">ntolken@webafrica.org.za</a>	15 November
Elsie Geringer (Principal)	Horse Class (2-3 years)	072 041 2527	<a href="mailto:elsie@rinkink.co.za">elsie@rinkink.co.za</a>	5 June
Melanie Jansen	Sheep Class Admin	072 623 8554	<a href="mailto:admin@rinkink.co.za">admin@rinkink.co.za</a>	24 January
Vanessa Ndabambi	Assistant			1 July
Willis Kaunda	Assistant			12 December
Bernice Meintjies	Assistant			

#### 4. FEES

Fees are paid electronically monthly into the following account:

<b>EM GERINGER</b>	
<b>NEDBANK</b>	<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>
<b>ACCOUNT NO.:</b>	<b>10 36 34 76 56</b>
<b>BRANCH CODE:</b>	<b>103 610 (BELLVILLE, THE BRIDGE)</b>
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	<b>CHILD'S NAME AND SURNAME</b>

School fees are paid annually in advance or over 11 months.

School fees must be paid before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month.

Parents will be held liable if child leaves the school without **2 months** written notification.

If parents decide to take their child out of the school for any reason, the annual school fees that was paid in advance, will not be refunded pro-rata.

An annual non-refundable administration fee is payable to secure your child's place for the following year.

Please contact the school for further information.

#### 5. STATIONERY PACKAGES

A stationery package is supplied by PENCAFE. It includes the following:

The stationery package is payable into the following account:

<b>EM GERINGER</b>	
<b>NEDBANK</b>	<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>
<b>ACCOUNT NO.:</b>	<b>10 36 34 76 56</b>
<b>BRANCH CODE:</b>	<b>103 610</b>
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	<b>CHILD'S NAME AND SURNAME</b>

Rinkink will place the order with Pencafe and your child will receive his/her stationery package on the first day of school.

If you join Rinkink later in the year, please liaise with your class teacher regarding stationery requirements.

## 6. WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO BRING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

- A marked school bag that fits into the locker (**no wheels / not bigger than 30cm x 35cm**)
- Lunch box and juice bottle (marked)
- Extra set of clothes in a plastic bag (marked)
- 3 nappies and wipes (if your child wears nappies)
- Message book (supplied by the school).

## 7. SCHOOL TIMES

Rinkink follows the departmental school calendar, as set out by the Minister of Education.

- Learners may arrive from 8:00 and school ends at 12:00. If your child is not fetched by 12:15 you will be liable for a fine of R50 per half hour.
- School closes at 12:00 **a day before government schools at the end of every term.**
- Rinkink is closed on public holidays and school holidays.
- Rinkink opens **one day after government schools at the beginning of every term.**
- **The first two weeks:**

**All the classes** finish early at 11:00 for the first week of school, the second week at 11:30 and from the third week they finish at 12:00. This way our children get a chance to gradually grow accustomed to the 'long school day'.

## 8. CLOTHES

- **HORSE CLASS:** An extra set of old clothes must be placed in a marked Ziploc bag and sent to school at the beginning of the year. It will be kept in a box at the school in case of an emergency. Also pack an extra set of clothes in the school bag every day.
- **OTHER CLASSES:** There must always be an extra set of clothes in your child's bag.
- Please note that the children do sometimes get dirty on the farm so do not dress your child in their newest and best clothes.
- GUM BOOTS are compulsory for winter for outside play, and slippers or any comfy shoes that the child can put on unaided can be worn inside the class. **NO SHOES WITH LACES PLEASE.**
- Please mark all your child's possessions.
- School T-shirts are worn on sport days and on school outings.

## 9. SUN BLOCK

- Please apply sun block to your child's face and shoulders before school – especially in summer.
- A sun hat can also be brought to school daily.

## 10. PARKING

**We cannot place enough emphasis on the safety of our children.**

- Please take note of the electric fence in the parking area.
- Children may not play in the parking area and must be supervised at all times.
- Please always check before reversing to make sure that there are no children behind your car.
- **Nobody may park in front of the school or in the road.**
- **Always park in the designated parking area.**
- Incoming traffic gets right of way. Outgoing traffic must pull over to the left.

## 11. SICK CHILDREN

- Learners with a fever and/or who are on antibiotics must stay home until they are well.
- No medicine may be sent to school.
- Special medication must be discussed and noted with the principal.

## 12. TEA TIME 'SNACK'

- A bottle with water or juice (a bottle with a spout, e.g. a sports bottle – no box juices)
- A sandwich and a piece of fruit
- **NO YOGHURT, SWEETS OR CHIPS ARE ALLOWED. PLEASE STICK TO THE RULE.**
- Please keep the lunch box healthy.

## 13. PARENTS' COMMITTEE

A parents' committee will be formed early in the year. This committee helps with fundraising and social functions at the school.

## 14. BAKE AND MAKE

Bake-and-make is a theme-related activity which is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. It gives our children an opportunity to make delicious things to eat, as well as teaching various skills such as tasting, sharing, mixing, measuring, pouring, spreading, cutting, etc.

## 15. CAKE RAFFLE

- Children are taught how to handle winning and losing, practising patience, delayed gratification and self-control.
- **The winner of the cake is responsible for providing the cake for the following Friday** as well as drawing the next winner's name.
- Each child therefore gets a chance to help make and decorate a cake at home with Mom/Dad. It's a fun activity for both child and parent.
- Moms who don't have time to bake are welcome to buy a cake (no cream cakes or cakes with alcohol please) and allow the child to add extra decorations, such as Smarties, to personalise it.
- Please allow the winning child to help carry the cake and to cut it (blunt knife with supervision) and serve it to the family.

## 16. PARTIES

- Invitations can only be given to children in your child's class.
- Presents should be kept to under R50
- Only cupcakes and a packet of chips are allowed. No juice, sweets, suckers or Fizzers.
- Party times: PLEASE ARRANGE IN ADVANCE WITH THE RELEVANT TEACHER - following which, the parents are requested to help clean up.
- No jumping castles are allowed.

## 17. OUTINGS

- Parents are required to accompany their child on all school outings.
- School is closed on outing days, unless otherwise arranged.
- Own transport is to be arranged to and from the outing.
- If a 'nanny' accompanies the child, she is responsible for that child at all times.
- Rinkink T-shirts must be worn on outings.

## 18. TOYS

No home/own toys may be brought to school. Also, no fantasy clothing, e.g. Spiderman suits, may be worn.

## 19. MONEY

- School fees and any other monies must be paid in electronically.

## 20. WHATSAPP SYSTEM

We make use of WhatsApp system for more hands-on communication between parents and school.

(NB: Tell us if your cell number changes)

## 21. FARM ANIMALS

Children are welcome to bring apples and carrots from home for the animals during the week. A stroll to the animals is always good fun!

## 22. EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	Playball Horse Riding Cool 2 Feel	Optional Optional Optional	During school time During school time During school time
TUESDAY	C-Maths	Optional	During school time
WEDNESDAY	Ballet	Optional	During school time
THURSDAY	Playball Rugby	Optional Optional	During school time During school time
FRIDAY	Music Gymnastics	Compulsory Optional	During school time During school time
Once/month	Pottery	Optional	During school time

**\*\* Music is compulsory for all children who come to school on a Friday.**

**\*\* The cost of the other extramural activities and further information will be supplied by the relevant coaches at the beginning of the first term. Open days for parents will also take place.**

### 23. BEFORE SCHOOL

A healthy morning routine is very important for our learners. Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast, and do not allow TV watching or computer games before school.

### 24. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

If your child requires occupational therapy, we will help with the necessary recommendations. We welcome occupational therapists to visit the children at school for an on-site evaluation.

### 25. SPORT

We offer physical education lessons at Rinkink. Gross motor development is the basis of your child's development. We will inform you on which day your child will do sport. These classes will begin in February.

### 26. TYPICAL DAY PROGRAMME

8:00 – 9:00	Arrival, free play and individual work with the teacher
8:50 – 9:00	Toilet time
9:00 – 9:10	Bible story
9:10 – 10:15	Theme discussion (Creative/fine motor work / puzzles / play dough and educational games)
10:15 – 10:30	Toilet time and snack time
10:30 – 11:30	Free play / farm fun
11:30 – 12:00	Tidy up and pack away / story and song time / mathematics games

(Days on which children have sport will be communicated to parents.)

**RINKINK @ GAN EDEN – *Farm Fresh!***

**[www.rinkink.co.za](http://www.rinkink.co.za)**

