

How can parents deal with a child who cries at school or daycare drop-off?

I am a preschool teacher who deals with tearful separation professionally, and I can assure you that, in most cases, the amount of time your child spends in tears is directly proportional to the amount of time you spend lingering. I know it is difficult for parents to leave their child in tears, but if the separation is done right, they won't remain that way.

So how do you do it right? Here are a few do's and don'ts to keep in mind.

Don't: Sneak Out of the Room When Your Child Isn't Looking

Doing so is an easy way to avoid having a child you love scream in your face, but it doesn't help the problem. Your child is crying because they are afraid of abandonment, and when they look up to see their parent has left stealthily, the fear is reinforced.

Do: Say Goodbye and Tell Your Child That You Have to Go But You Love Them

Give them a hug, kiss, or whatever other parting custom you share with your child.

Don't: Look Scared and Sad Yourself

The way young children assess the safety of a situation is by reading their parent's face. If you look like you are scared or about to cry, it will not convey that the situation is safe and will amplify their anxiety.

Do: Smile and Tell Them That You Know That They Will Have Fun at School. Let them see on your face that they are safe and there is nothing for them to worry about. This may take a bit of acting on your part, especially if it is your first child

and they are separating for the first time.

Don't: Show Indifference to Your Child's Tears It is important that they know that you care when they are sad. Don't scold them for crying or act frustrated by their emotions. Doing so will only add a sense of parental disappointment to their ongoing emotional anguish.

Do: Reassure Them

Remind them that you know they will have a fun day at school, even though they are sad right now. Remind them that you (or whoever else) are coming back to get them. If you want, you can make a plan for an activity that you will do together after school. This will give them a reminder of your return, and give the teachers a way to break through the sense of abandonment.

Article from Scarymommy.com

It is important to remember that the children's personalities differ and that we are aware of those differences. The Castle has settled very nicely and we are following our curriculum and daily programme.

I am excited to announce that our baby girl was born on 12 January 2019. She is still getting stronger in NICU, but we are both doing very well.

Teacher Jeanette and Teacher Dane will fulfill my duties during this time and you are welcome to contact Mr. Brian O'Neil if you need assistance.

Castle Greetings

Lizell Botha



Important Dates

25 January 2019:
Parents to meet the Extramural Coaches at the Castle from 7:00—8:30

01 February 2019:
Show and Tell (Group 4&5) 'My family'

Castle Themes

Week 3
28 January —01 February 2019

My family

Week 4
04—08 February 2019

Home, sweet home

Our new Castle Teachers

Simphiwe Khumalo

My name is Simphiwe Khumalo. I am 38 years old. I was born and raised in KZN Pongola. I am a single mother of a 20 year old boy and now I am a grandmother of a 19 month old girl. This is my 16th year working with children. I believe that this is my God given talent; I love children and enjoy playing and singing with them. I am excited about this year and getting to know you and your children. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's journey.

Samantha Lankensar

My name is Samantha Lankensar (Sam). My family is made up of a very supportive husband, two beautiful boys and 3 furry animals. As a family we love travelling and venturing into the different parts of the world. I am a calm and friendly person who enjoys good company. I also love cooking and entertaining for my family and friends. One of my many passions is to bring happiness and smiles to others especially our little angels. This is where I found my most gratifying experience when I recently taught the Grade R's while I completed my qualification. I look forward to meeting you all and I am determined to make your little one's time at schools an awesome one.

Rista Terblanche

Being a nurse for over 30 years I have a passion for people and children. Being a mother myself and also wanting to become a grandmother someday, children are close to my heart and I believe looking after them is a privilege. We have the power to build good foundations, we are in the position to love and care for our future in an everchanging world.

May it be a blessed year to all.

Janelle Coaters

I'm Janelle Coaters . I am originally from Cape town. I am a mother to a handsome 2 year old boy.

This year will be my 7th year being part of the Curro Family.

I love what I do . I have a passion for teaching and watching children develop brings so much joy to my heart.

Rachelle Meyer

Hallo my name is Rachelle Meyer. I am currently 28 years old. I live in Centurion with my family, my husband Wynand and little boy Gideon who is 16 months old. I will be a Group 5 Educator this year. I've been teaching 8 years with lots of experience and an absolute passion to work with children.

I believe every child has the potential for greatness and it's a privilege for me to unlock a part of that every day.



Rista Terblanche, Janelle Coaters, Rachelle Meyer, Samantha Lankensar, Simphiwe Khumalo

Extramurals 2019

All extra murals will officially start on Monday, 28 January 2019 and all extra mural activities will take place in the afternoons.

Demo lessons are in progress and depending on the interest of the different activities, we will then inform you which activities will take place and the finalised time table will be communicated to you.

Watch this space for more information regarding the school's birthday on 1 March!

Royal News for January and February

Date	Activity
25 January	Meet the extramural coaches
30 January	Poof, boom, bang! Science Day
5 February	Presentation: The houses we live in
6 February	Play outside day
12 February	Puppet show
15 February	Water fun day
20 February	Poof, boom, bang! Science Day



Class allocations 2019

Group	Teacher	Assistant
Group 1	Keneilwe Mabe	Louisa Mamabolo
Group 2	Tletse Ngwenya	Grace Mhlongo
Group 3	Simphiwe Khumalo	Phillipine Marosa
Group 4.1	Natalie Chunapa	Rosinah Maredi
Group 4.2	Janelle Coaters	Venda Sehlapelo
Group 5.1	Dane Brink	Rebecca Mashapa
Group 5.2	Samantha Lankesar	Mpho Mofokeng
Group 5.3	Rachell Meyer	Daisy Sebothoma

Lost and Found

Please see that your child's clothes and belongings are labeled. Our Lost and Found locker is packed with belongings we can't return due to the high number of unmarked items.

The MyHUB mobile app is now available



through Google Play store and iStore.



The mobile app allows you to:

- Receive notifications when an email or SMS is sent to your mobile number or email address
- View all communication related to your child/ren based on the profile you provide
- Access GRIT for online uniform orders
- View up-to-date statements
- Make school fees and event payments online quickly and easily
- View calendar events scheduled for your child/ren

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