

21 October 2019

Dear Grade 4 2020 Parents and Guardians

FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHOICE – GRADE 4 2020

Because of the Department of Basic Education African Languages national rollout plan which started with our current Grade 3 year, being the Grade 1 year of 2017 (and was carried up with this year since), we have made a decision as a school to offer a choice between isiZulu or Afrikaans as their First Additional Language going forward from next year.

The two languages will be timetabled concurrently, and the academic class will be split between the two additional languages for the allocated lessons.

Learners will not be permitted to change their First Additional Language choice during the course of their future years at Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel, as this has long-lasting negative effects on the learning process. We therefore encourage parents to apply due diligence when making this decision. We understand that this choice may prove to be a difficult one. Please remember the following:

- Your child will know which language they are enjoying more.
- It is not true that one language is easier or more difficult than the other.
- Either choice requires concerted effort and application in order to meet the necessary requirements.
- Learners have, up until the end of Grade 3, been exposed to isiZulu as a Second Additional Language. **Due to the rigor involved in isiZulu now being offered as a First Additional Language we would advise that only candidates who have an aptitude for, or extensive prior history with an African language choose this subject.**

Further to the above; should you wish for your child to take isiZulu as their First Additional Language you will not be required to purchase the Afrikaans FAL book stipulated on the supplied textbook list for 2020.

Regarding textbooks; we have been in touch with our preferred supplier (Afro School Supplies) with whom parents can communicate to order the isiZulu textbooks (instead of the Afrikaans books) should your child be taking isiZulu.

The books needed for isiZulu FAL are:

Khalipha Mfundi (ISBN 978-1-920450-03-8)

Umfana Ogangile (ISBN 978-1-920450-85-4)

UCaitlin Umenyiwe Ephathini (ISBN 978-1-920450-22-9)

In order for the school to plan staffing and timetables accordingly for 2020, parents are requested to please complete the reply slip below and return to current class teachers by **Monday, 28 October 2019**.

Please contact us should you have any queries in this regard.



Ms E Harmse
InterSen Phase Head



Mr L Duffield
Head of Primary School

REPLY SLIP: FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHOICE 2020

Learner name and surname: _____ Grade 4E: _____

Please indicate which language you would like to request as a First Additional Language for Grade 4 2020, effective from January 2020.

Afrikaans isiZulu

Name of Parent: _____ Parent signature: _____