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Foundation Phase E-learning E-levy News Flash

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians of the Foundation Phase Students,

We are very proud of how far we have come in terms of e-learning at our school. This is our third year since we have introduced e-learning to our Foundation Phase students. As mentioned in previous communication, the Foundation Phase students are still required to learn how to write, how to develop the correct pencil grip and develop their letter formations properly. Therefore, the Grade 1 to 3 students are not required to purchase a tablet and will not use the tablets in every lesson. The school is renting two charging trolleys containing 80 x 10inch tablets with all the content and applications suited for Foundation Phase learners. These trolleys are transported from class to class and they have replaced the junior computer lab. The students will still learn the basic computer skills in WPS office, Excel, PowerPoint and Word. Additionally, the tablets are also being used to reinforce Mathematics, English and Life Skills lessons taught in class. These are in the form of educational games and applications as our children respond very well to this method of learning. Three years ago we installed a mathematics programme called, Matific, which includes a range of Mathematics applications from Grade R to Grade 4. Two years ago we introduced and installed three new incredible programmes, Purple Mash, Edu Quest and MultiMind. These three programmes are once again CAPS aligned and are used to reinforce Mathematics, Life Skills, Afrikaans and English. This year we have installed many educational games offered by Google. We believe that we are on the right track with regards to the future of education and we are continuing to research other e-learning tools and techniques. Last year we introduced Moodle (open source course management system) to our Grade 3 students. It went very well and it is preparing them for Grade 4.

At the AGM held on the 26th October 2017, the resolution was passed that an annual e-learning levy of R200 (Grade 1-3) per child be paid. Please note that should you not pay the levy, your child will not be able to make use of the tablets. This would not have a negative impact on their education as they would be given hard copy worksheets to work from. It was discussed that this levy should be paid before the end of January 2018. *If, however you are able to pay this levy before the 1st of December 2017, it would be greatly appreciated as it would assist us with the planning for 2018 and this would allow your child to wear civvies for the 4th, 5th and 6th of December, 2017.* If you are going to EFT the money, please ensure that you put your **child's full name, surname and E-levy for the reference**. Any monies paid without this reference will go to school fees.

Thank you once again for your support. Please contact the school on (011) 900 1000 if you have any queries.

Yours in e-learning,

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