



# Bright Buddies Private School



# Welcome to Bright Buddies Private School where everyBUDDIE is an achiever!

Bright Buddies Private School has been teaching and caring for children for 8 years.

We are an enthusiastic team of teachers and childminders who provide a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for preschool children and babies, age 0 months to 6 years (Gr R).

We aim to give affordable, high quality child care where children will grow and develop in all areas through learning and play.

Our focus is to provide a stimulating early care and education experience which promotes each child's social/emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Our goal is to support children to develop their highest potentials and to meet not only their standards but to exceed them.

The Bright Buddies staff is committed to the families we serve, providing support and encouragement.

We provide pre-school education and care that will give a child the solid foundation needed for primary school.

We have small classes and individual attention is given to each child and we follow a top standard curriculum and international standards. Learners from our school are more advanced and above the standard criteria.

Bright Buddies Private School has an Infant Program as well as Toddler and Preschool Program. We also have a Gr. 1 readiness program that we follow with our Gr R learners.

## Our Curriculum

**Our curriculum is in-line and compliant with the CAPS (Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements) curriculum and in line with international standards.**

CAPS is the National Curriculum of South Africa implemented by the Government of Education for Gr R up to Gr 12.

CAPS aims to produce learners that are able to:

- Identify and solve problems and decisions using critical and creative thinking;
- Work effectively as individuals and with others as members of a team;
- Organise and manage themselves and their activities responsibly and effectively
- Collect, analyse, organise and critically evaluate information;
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- Communicate effectively using visual, symbolic and language skills in various modes
- Use science and technology effectively and critically showing responsibility towards the environment and the health of others; and
- Demonstrate an understanding of the world as a set of related systems by recognising that problem solving contexts do not exist in isolation.

We also include and incorporate in our curriculum additional work and programmes.

Our curriculum is colour based with regards to literacy and numeric fields. This assists the learners with better identification and memorization of key aspects.

The curriculum we use at Bright Buddies introduces the world of maths, reading and writing to toddlers in a fun way. The attitude we want to create is that school is FUN!! Maths is FUN!! Reading is FUN!! Maths is EASY!! A child that thinks maths and reading are fun, will try even harder, and most likely achieve more in his/her school career.

Our curriculum is a stimulus that makes the child familiar with the school structure, and builds confidence towards maths, reading and writing.

The Curriculum focuses on the following areas:

- Oral activities  
To build both communication skills as well as language skills.
- Reading
- Phonics  
Phonics and difficult language concepts are addressed through stories and characters, building both communication skills as well as a clear perception of the language structure at hand.
- Writing
- Life Orientation skills  
Life orientation poses the child with day-to-day problem scenarios.
- Mathematics  
Daily verbal counting  
Written mathematics (expressing thoughts and ideas)  
Calculated mathematics (actual math sums)

Our curriculum also includes important themes like personal hygiene, healthy lifestyle, etc. and has been incorporated to promote awareness of healthy living in communities.

Other themes like recycling and uses of water, creates awareness in children with regards to the environment. Our curriculum promotes equality of race and gender to secure that we build a nation of proud South Africans.

Included in our school fees are Music lessons and Kinderkinetics therapy for all age groups.

We strongly believe in developing our learners on all levels and to give them optimal education and have therefore included music and kinetic therapy into our curriculum.

## Music Classes

Music develops:

- Creativity and imagination
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Rhythmic skills which facilitate numeracy and literacy
- Confidence and self esteem

Music is a whole brain stimulator and kids have so much fun without realising they are learning.

Music develops their visual awareness, auditory memory and vestibular systems which give them an advantage when learning to crawl, walk, read and write later in their lives.

Music is also a universal language and children are more than likely to pick up language learning skills and have more of an adapted ear when learning to speak.

Learners are gently encouraged, through specifically structured activities, to explore, move independently, learn to be part of the group, develop confidence, practice motor skills, listen carefully, master competency in feeling and expressing a beat and be comfortable with self-expression.

They learn basic music concepts, terminology and are exposed to different music genres. Learners are taught to read music and play a music instrument.

**For more information please visit their webpage at [www.juniorjive.co.za](http://www.juniorjive.co.za)**

## Kinderkinetics

Kinderkinetics is a profession that aims to promote and optimise the neuromotoric development of young children (0-12 years), through scientifically based physical activity.

Kinderkinetics is a scientific gross motor development programme. Kinderkinetics focus on the development of the whole child.

Kinderkinetic Movement development lessons focus on the development of gross motor skills.

The purpose of the lessons is to ensure that children reach their milestones, their motor potential and to be school ready.

Individual / remedial gross motor programmes at our school is designed for your child's individual needs and development

This programme also addresses motor delays, learning / reading problems caused by motor delays, attention and hyperactivity problems etc.

Kinderkinetics plays a vital role in identifying and minimizing learning difficulties within children and therefore helping to prepare them for their scholastic endeavours.

Effective sensory and motor control is the foundation for school readiness and long term participation in various activities.

Kinderkinetics is a fun-orientated programme that helps to develop a child's motor skills and increasing their self-confidence at the same time.

Kinderkinetics develop:

### Physical fitness and sports skills:

- Gymnastics skills
- Ball skills
- General sports skill
- Overall physical fitness

### Gross motor skills:

- Hand-eye coordination
- Bilateral integration
- Muscle tone
- Balance
- Spatial orientation
- Midline crossing
- Locomotor
- Development as a whole

### Baby massage and stimulation:

- Visual
- Auditory
- Tactile
- Kinaesthetic
- Relaxation

### Perceptual-motor skill:

- Shape and colour recognition
- Perceptual-motor skills
- Body awareness
- Communication skills
- Expansion of vocabulary
- School readiness

**Weekly updates as well as assessment reports and improvement plans are prepared for each child.**

For more information on Kinderkinetics please visit their website [www.karynakinetica.com](http://www.karynakinetica.com)

## Our fee structure for 2016:

	Admission
Yearly once - off fee (with arrangement can be paid over 2 months)	R 1000.00

Our monthly school fees include Music lessons and a T-shirt as well as Kinderkinetic therapy and a T-shirt for all age groups.

This also includes regular performances, weekly and monthly improvement plans and assessment reports from the therapist and music teachers.

Please read more about the Music lessons and Kinderkinetic therapy offered at our school under our "Curriculum".

	Full day	Half day
Babies (0 - 18 months)	R 2 550.00	R 2 300.00
18 months - 5 years	R 2 450.00	R 2 100.00
Gr. R	R 2 550.00	R 2 200.00

\*\* Discount on the monthly fee will be offered to siblings.

	Daily rate
Payable in cash on the day or arrangements can be made for weekly payments	R150.00

	Additional fees
Holiday programme ( <i>Our school accomodates siblings and friends during our holidays and are they welcome to join in on our holiday programme.</i> )	R 80.00 p/child
Shows and trips, fun days and special events	Will be communicated at the time.

**\*\*\* The school office has a list available of transport services.**

Fees are payable in advance or by no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month for 12 months. **The registration fee is non-refundable.** A penalty of 10% will be imposed for late payment, after the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month. No notices will be accepted for the month of November. Debit orders and electronic bank transfers are preferred, when paying school fees. Paying cash at the office is also accepted. **PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH. CASH DEPOSIT BANK CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.**

**If your child is sick or on holiday, the full month's fees are still due.**

## School operating hours

We are open from Mondays to Fridays –

Full day: 06h30 to 17h30

Half day: 06h30 to 13h00.

Our daily routine starts at 08h00, so please ensure that your child is at school before then. A fine will be imposed for late collection. It will be R 100.00 for the first half hour, and then R 80.00 for every half hour thereafter, or part thereof. Please ensure you have the late collection fee with you. Transport children will be charged for late collection as well.

Parents/ Transporter must please sign their children in and out of school every day.

If a public holiday is on the Tuesday the school will be closed on the Monday, and if the public holiday is on the Thursday the school will be closed on the Friday.

During school holidays we follow a holiday program at R 80.00 a child and siblings and friends are welcome to join in our holiday program.

We open on 4th of January 2016 and will close on 7 December 2016.

## To send to school...

Please send a packet of wet wipes at the beginning of every month. Please send one ream of A4 copy paper (500 sheets per ream) for the year to school.

Babies don't have to send any stationary to school, but the following items must be sent with your baby every day:

- 4 - 6 Nappies
- Wet wipes
- Bum cream
- Formula milk or Purity
- Bottles and dummies
- Receiving blanket
- Extra set of clothes should you wish for us to change baby before going home

### STATIONARY LIST FOR 2 YEARS UP TO 6 YEARS (GR R)

- 1 Pritt
- 1 pack of twisty crayons
- 1 pack of colouring pencils
- 1 one ream of A4 copy paper (500 sheets per ream) for the year

Children, who are potty training, need to come with 4 sets of clothes and 4 pairs of underpants/panties. Please ensure your child's clothing is marked.

The child's bag must be big enough to put everything into it at the end of the school day. Your child will be given a small note book for messages (a Communication book). This book must be in your child's bag every day. **IT IS FOR THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS (NOT THE CHILD) TO WRITE IN.** Please read and sign it every day.

## Illnesses and medication

It is important to notify us if your child is not feeling well, so that we can monitor him/her through the day. Children with an infectious condition like, pink eye, runny tummy, measles etc are not permitted to attend school to prevent cross contamination.

If you need us to administer medicines to your child, you as a parent must note it in the book and sign. You must ensure it is the correct dosage and time is stipulated. We know it will take time off your busy schedule but, your child's safety is more important to us. If the instructions are not clear, medicine will NOT be given. We do not dispense multivitamins, immune boosters, crèche guard etc...

## Extra Mural Activities

Bright Buddies Private School offers the following extra mural activities but the fees for the extra mural activities are not included in the school fees and must be paid directly to the 3de party company.

We offer:

- Swimming
- Monkeynastix
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Computers
- Dance
- Gymathstix
- Pottery
- Playball

If you are interested, the details of the activities can be obtained from the office.

## Breakfast / Lunch / Snacks

Our schedule is as follows:

Up to 8:00	Breakfast
10h00	Juice and fruit (sacks sent by parents)
12h00	Lunch (meat, vegetables and starch) and juice
15h00	Juice / Rooibos tea and sandwiches.

We give Soy mince to the children who are allergic.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND JUNK FOOD TO SCHOOL.** A healthy snack is welcome. Should your child have a special dietary requirement, please speak to us to arrange it.



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