



## **BAKEN AKADEMIE PRE-SCHOOL & DAYCARE**

### **Parent Information Pack 2026/7**

**Elephant Campus & Giraffe Campus**

#### **Welcome to Baken Akademie Pre-School & Daycare**

For more than 12 years, Baken Akademie has proudly provided quality Christian education built on strong traditional values, structure, discipline, care, and academic excellence.

We are excited to officially welcome families to **Baken Akademie Pre-School & Daycare**, offering a nurturing and structured environment for children from as young as 3 months old through to Grade R.

Our goal is simple:

To provide children with a safe, loving, stimulating, and structured environment where they can grow academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

At Baken Akademie Pre-School & Daycare, every child matters, every child is known, and every child is guided with care and purpose.

# **Our Campuses**

## **Elephant Campus**

### **372B Boundary Road, Northriding, Randburg**

Our Elephant Campus forms part of the greater Baken Akademie educational family and provides a warm, established environment with direct links into our Grade R to Grade 12 system.

## **Giraffe Campus**

### **437 Aureole Drive, Northriding, Randburg**

Our Giraffe Campus was established as part of our exciting expansion into early childhood education and daycare services in the Northriding community.

This campus offers:

- safe and structured classrooms,
- caring teachers and assistants,
- age-appropriate learning spaces,
- large outdoor play areas,
- and a nurturing atmosphere for younger learners.

## **Our Vision**

To provide a safe, structured, and nurturing Christian educational environment where children can develop into confident, capable, respectful, and well-rounded individuals.

## **Our Mission**

- create a loving and secure environment,
- encourage curiosity and learning,
- build strong foundations for future academic success,
- develop confidence and independence,
- instil Christian values,
- partner closely with parents in the development of each child.

## Our Christian Foundation

Baken Akademie Pre-School & Daycare is founded on Christian values and principles.

Children are encouraged daily to develop:

- kindness,
- honesty,
- gratitude,
- compassion,
- responsibility,
- respect,
- and self-discipline.

Our Christian values are woven naturally into our environment, interactions, routines, and teaching approach.

Families from all backgrounds are welcome, provided they support and respect the ethos and values of the school.

## Our Educational Approach



**All our campuses follow an integrated curriculum that covers all ages and developmental stages of children. This offers a complementary approach that progresses in difficulty and perceptual development.**

We believe young children learn best through:

- structured play,
- guided exploration,
- repetition,
- movement,
- creativity,
- positive relationships.

Our programme focuses on the full development of each child through:

- language development,
- communication skills,
- emotional development,
- social interaction,
- fine and gross motor development,
- early mathematics,
- creativity,
- problem-solving,
- school readiness.

### **School Readiness**

Strong emphasis is placed on preparing children for successful entry into formal schooling.

Areas of focus include:

- concentration,
- listening skills,
- independence,
- pencil grip,
- early literacy,
- early numeracy,
- classroom routines,
- confidence,
- emotional readiness.

Children completing the programme should transition comfortably into Grade R and beyond.



## Development Stages

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Development Stage</b>
3 Months – 1 Year	<b>Blue Beginners</b> A gentle, loving introduction to daycare and early routine for babies and toddlers.
1-2 Years	<b>Dream Discoverers</b> Encouraging curiosity, confidence, language, and early social interaction through play.
2-3 Years	<b>Emerald Explorers</b> Active learning, imagination, creativity, and hands-on discovery for growing young minds.
3-4 Years	<b>Golden Growers</b> Developing independence, communication, structure, and school readiness.
Grade RR (4-5 Years)	<b>Red Readers</b> Preparing children confidently for Grade R and formal learning foundations.

# OUR DEVELOPMENT STAGES

Every child develops differently. Our classes are designed to support each stage of growth through **routine, guided learning, movement, creativity, and play.**

From 3 months to Grade R – one complete learning journey across two nurturing campuses in Northriding.

BLUE BEGINNERS 3 MONTHS – 1 YEAR	DREAM DISCOVERERS 1 – 2 YEARS	EMERALD EXPLORERS 2 – 3 YEARS	GOLDEN GROWERS 3 – 4 YEARS	RED READERS 4 – 5 YEARS
 <p><b>MOVEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifts head while on tummy</li> <li>Rolls from tummy to back</li> <li>Sits with support</li> <li>Begins to crawl</li> </ul> <p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follows moving objects</li> <li>Explores with hands and mouth</li> <li>Responds to sounds</li> <li>Enjoys peek-a-boo</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smiles and coos</li> <li>Recognises familiar faces</li> <li>Enjoys interaction</li> <li>Begins to feel secure</li> </ul>	 <p><b>MOVEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks independently</li> <li>Squats to pick up toys</li> <li>Climbs on low furniture</li> <li>Throws a ball</li> </ul> <p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builds with blocks</li> <li>Turns pages in a book</li> <li>Matches shapes and colours</li> <li>Imitates simple actions</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows independence</li> <li>Plays alongside others</li> <li>Enjoys simple games</li> <li>Begins to express feelings</li> </ul>	 <p><b>MOVEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runs with better balance</li> <li>Climbs stairs with support</li> <li>Kicks a ball</li> <li>Jumps with both feet</li> </ul> <p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draws and scribbles</li> <li>Sorts shapes and objects</li> <li>Follows simple instructions</li> <li>Enjoys pretend play</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plays with others</li> <li>Takes turns</li> <li>Shows more independence</li> <li>Begins to understand routines</li> </ul>	 <p><b>MOVEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jumps forward</li> <li>Climbs stairs alternating feet</li> <li>Rides a tricycle</li> <li>Balances on one foot</li> </ul> <p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draws shapes and pictures</li> <li>Uses scissors with control</li> <li>Recognises colours</li> <li>Counts up to 10</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plays cooperatively</li> <li>Manages emotions better</li> <li>Follows routines independently</li> <li>Shows care and empathy</li> </ul>	 <p><b>MOVEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hops and skips</li> <li>Gallops and changes direction</li> <li>Throws and catches accurately</li> <li>Shows good coordination</li> </ul> <p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes letters and numbers</li> <li>Reads simple words</li> <li>Solves simple problems</li> <li>Ready for Grade R</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works in groups</li> <li>Takes responsibility</li> <li>Follows rules and routines</li> <li>Shows confidence and resilience</li> </ul>
 <p><b>CHRIST-FOCUSED</b> Faith at the heart of everything we do.</p>	 <p><b>SAFE &amp; NURTURING</b> A loving, secure and caring environment.</p>	 <p><b>STRONG FOUNDATIONS</b> Building confidence, character and future success.</p>	 <p><b>LEARN THROUGH PLAY</b> Exploring, creating and discovering together.</p>	 <p><b>ONE FAMILY</b> One philosophy. One journey.</p>

## What Makes Us Different

### Strong Christian Values

We maintain a caring but structured environment built on traditional Christian values, respect, discipline, and responsibility.

### Personal Attention

Smaller groups allow teachers and assistants to provide more individual attention and support to learners.

### Experienced Staff

Our staff members are selected not only for qualifications and experience, but also for their genuine love and care for children.

Staff members are trained in:

- Supervision
- Child safety
- Emergency procedures
- First aid awareness

## **Safe & Structured Environment**

We place strong emphasis on:

- learner safety,
- controlled access,
- hygiene,
- emotional well-being,
- proper supervision.

## **Strong Parent Communication**

We believe communication between parents and the school is essential.

Parents are kept informed through:

- WhatsApp communication,
- notices,
- newsletters,
- meetings,
- regular interaction with staff.

## **Outdoor Play & Development**

Children benefit from:

- outdoor play,
- movement activities,
- gross motor development,
- creative exploration,
- large open play spaces.

## **Daily Programme**

Our daily routine may include:

- structured learning activities,
- free play,
- outdoor activities,
- music and movement,
- creative activities,
- story time,
- meal times,
- rest periods,
- developmental activities.

A healthy balance between structured learning and play-based exploration is maintained throughout the day.

## **Meals & Nutrition**

Children aged 2 years and older receive:

- breakfast,
- snacks,
- lunch.

Children younger than 2 years are required to bring their own meals and bottles depending on developmental needs.

Parents must notify the school of:

- allergies,
- dietary requirements,
- intolerances,
- medical concerns.

## **Holiday Care**

Holiday care is available for enrolled learners during school holidays unless otherwise communicated.

## **Safety & Security**

The safety and well-being of every child remain a priority.

Security procedures may include:

- controlled access,
- authorised collections,
- visitor monitoring,
- supervision procedures.

Parents are requested to cooperate fully with all safety measures.

## **Transition Into Baken Akademie**

Children enrolled at Baken Akademie Pre-School & Daycare benefit from direct integration into the greater Baken Akademie environment and culture.

Preference may be given to existing pre-school families when placement into Grade R and later grades becomes available.

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**Building Strong Foundations for the Future.**