



LITTLE BEENS EDUCARE CENTRE

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ABOUT US

“.....Our mission is to provide quality individual education within a family environment and therefore creating a solid foundation for your child’s future.....”

BACKGROUND

Little Beens was established in 1999 after Lin and Carlo were unable to find a facility for their own children that was secure, child friendly and that offered a loving and caring family environment, while at the same time taking care of the need for development growth and stimulation. After failing to find such a facility, they decided to start their own exclusive Educare Centre for their "Little Been". Since then their children have moved on to Beaulieu Preparatory. This grounding has foreseen Little Beens to be run as a secure, loving family environment that focuses on individual care.

Our staff compliment - many of whom have been with Little Beens virtually since inception, consists of five qualified teachers, four assistants/child minders, chef, cleaner, gardener as well as an administrator and assistance from students performing their practicals from time to time.

Apart from their School curriculum our "Little Beens" are always stimulated as they'll take part in several School events throughout the year like educational shows, sports day, fun walks, spring day and the end year concert/graduation.

More stimulating activities are provided by external specialists at an extra cost. Extra murals offered depending on the demand are Action ball, Ballet, Beaux-Arts (Pottery / Crafts), Computers, Gymnastics, Rugger Kids, Swimming, Soccer Starz and Kindermusik. All payments are made directly to the extra mural specialists, facilitated by Little Beens.

OPERATIONAL TIMES AND SUPERVISION

We are open throughout the year between January and December. We are even open on all private and public school holidays. The only time we close is on South African public holidays, Saturdays, Sundays and 3 weeks in December. During private and public school holidays our "Little Beens" will take part in our holiday care program at no extra cost. Our holiday care program is action packed with many fun activities.

We operate from Mondays to Fridays between 07h00 and 17h30. Our children will be in care of our qualified teachers assisted by their assistants/child-minders. Our play area is supervised at all times during outdoor play time. All staff members are trained in First Aid and CPR.

INDIVIDUAL CARE

As we strongly believe in providing individual care to educate your child, each class will have no more than 16 children taught by a qualified teacher, assisted by a child-minder. We do encourage parents to become actively involved in the education of their child in order to boost the learning experience.

ACCESS AND SECURITY

We are situated in Beaulieu, a boomed off private country estate with top class security. Daily patrols are done by the estates security company. Our School premises are built within a 10 foot perimeter wall/electric fence. Additionally to this, in order to safeguard the security of our children further, the gate will be kept closed at all times and access will be by way of CCTV and the intercom system only. If an unknown entity is to fetch your child on any given day due to any reason, this arrangement must be explicitly made with the School.

TRANSPORT

We do make use of a few transport services that will gladly assist parents who require transport for their child. All payments are made directly to the transport service, facilitated by Little Beens.

MEALS

As we care about our children's health, well nourished meals are prepared by the chef to provide our "Little Beens" with all the appropriate nutrition for growth and energy. Our menu changes on a weekly basis to optimise this nutrition requirement. Addition to this we do cater for any individual requirement and religious beliefs.

Full Day programme:

The full day programme includes two meals, i.e. breakfast and a cooked lunch, two snacks, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, as well as juice and/or tea. Details of the various menus are reflected on the notice board or available on request.

Half-day programme:

The half-day programme includes breakfast, a mid morning snack and the cooked lunch. Children are to be collected by 13h00 failing which the late collection charge will apply.

Casual programme:

Meals are available on an ad-hoc basis provided the request is made the day before.

Meal-time schedule:

Breakfast:	08h00 - 08h30
Morning snack/tea:	10h00 - 10h15
Lunch:	12h00 - 12h45
Afternoon snack/tea:	15h00 - 15h15

FEES

Fees are payable monthly in advance on the 1st (first) of the month and in accordance with the Fee Schedule attached hereto. A late payment penalty of 5% (five) of the total invoice amount will be administrated, if fees are not paid by the 7th (seventh) of each month or only a partial payment is made. There are no hidden costs at Little Beens except a mandatory monthly levy fee which covers stationery, baking, educational shows, building and ground maintenance, school event costs.

NOTICE PERIOD

Little Beens requires at least 1 (one) calendar month's written notice for termination of the enrolment. No notice will be accepted after the 1st (first) October of the corresponding year.

GENERAL

The only additional requirements/responsibilities for parents are that Little Beens be furnished with:

- nappies and wet wipes for their "Little Been", where applicable. This can be done on a daily, weekly or on a monthly/bulk basis. Should you opt for the latter, you will be informed timeously of when the stock is nearing completion.
- milk formula, where applicable, as in terms of Health Bylaws we are not permitted to prepare such.
- A sun hat and sunblock/cream for when the "Little Beens" spend time outdoors.
- A bag with at least one set of clean clothes and a warm jacket or top.