Welridge Academy

Information Brochure

2027

Intermediate/ Senior Phase

Grades 4 - 7





Welridge Academy

From the day a child enters Welridge Academy, they embark on a path of discovery unlike that of any other school experience. Along this unique path, they learn to achieve their goals and find positive direction.

Our children are the future! We sincerely believe that it is our responsibility to equip our learners with learning and thinking skills to prepare them for their future. We believe that every child is valuable and has the potential to achieve success. At our school we aim to give our learners a well-rounded education, not only in the classroom, but also by building their self confidence and self-esteem.

Welridge Academy is a family - that is what makes us so special! It takes a team of skilled and dedicated people to achieve success in any situation. We are fortunate to have such an effective and committed team of staff members at our school.

We all deserve the right to achieve our full potential. A small change in the early learning experience of your child can make a big difference in later grades and allow them to rise to completely new heights.

We focus on instilling a culture of learning in all our learners and aim to be a contributor to the transformation of education in South Africa, acting in the interest of our society and respecting equality of all children.

Our classes and child-centred approach cater for every child's unique abilities and individual needs. We would like to equip all children with the necessary skills required to succeed in their educational career. We are looking forward to this great adventure!

"Quest for Excellence"



School Policy

Central to our policy is our nurturing environment; the belief that every child is valuable; and the appreciation of uniqueness of each individual. We believe that the responsibility for a child's education comes directly from God to parents. Our school is a supplementary agency; commissioned to support but not replace home.

We focus on instilling a culture of learning in all our learners that not only ensures they will become valuable members of our future society but will encourage them to become life-long learners. Our school is committed to provide education of the highest quality and we pledge a standard of excellence.

Our Curriculum



Producing the finest curriculum for children requires adherence to the highest standards. Welridge Academy allows parents, with the means to do so, an opportunity to provide an education of outstanding quality.

Our school curriculum is implemented in the spirit of the South African curriculum statements. This approach provides exposure to all learners in the different learning areas; supporting their development, ensuring that all lessons are relevant to the needs of learners. Time is allocated fairly to the different learning areas. Learners are assessed on a continuous basis.

The uniqueness of each individual is appreciated and through inspired and innovative teaching, every learner is encouraged to reach his or her goals, develop talents and actively take part in our unique educational process. It is our policy to encourage close teacher-learner interaction, emphasising individual attention, and supporting each learner's social and academic development.

We are focused on catering to the needs of all our learners and ensuring that they have the tools to enable them to reach their true potential. Our gifted learners receive extra attention through academic enrichment programmes. Our curriculum aims to create a life-long learner, who is confident, independent, creative, innovative, literate, numerate and multi-skilled.

School Objectives



- We aim to provide a solid foundation for each individual.
- We aim to provide quality of education for all children.
- We have an inclusive approach creating opportunities for all learners to learn successfully.
- We aim to encourage all children to respect human value and dignity.
- We aim to uphold high standards of professional integrity.
- We aim to support the educator's professional growth in teaching and nurturing children.
- We aim to generate a spirit of excellence in all we do.



Parental Involvement and Parent Meetings

The quality of your child's education is greatly supported and enhanced through your active involvement at school. A date is set aside for Parent's Meeting after Term 1 and then meetings after each report for Term 2, 3 & 4.



School Communication

We make use of grade WhatsApp groups as a source of communication between parents and their teachers. On the groups you will find information regarding academic work, homework, school updates, etc. The groups are an effective channel that has become a helpful tool to ensure that parents and teachers have an open line of communication for important information to be shared instantly and as needed.

We also have a Welridge Admin WhatsApp group that we ask parents to join which is used in situations where information needs to be communicated urgently, such as power outages, network outages, water outages, etc.

Meeting your child's needs

It is important for the school to be made aware of any "out of the ordinary" occurrences in your child's life (e.g. death of a relative, pregnancy, pending move, trauma etc.), so that we are able to support your child accordingly.

Edu-Profile

BORN TO BE DIFFERENT®

Edu - Profiling is a unique assessment which provides accurate results for children, teenagers, and adults. Knowing your profile, as well as those of your family, will help you to choose better suited subjects, careers, sports, activities, hobbies as well as many other paths you might want to follow.

Edu - Profiling summarized:

- There are thirty-two different Dominance Profiles
- Identifies your natural talents or abilities, whether innate or not
- Preferred environments and educational situations
- Possible behavioral & learning difficulties
- Academic strengths & weaknesses
- Suitable learning styles
- Ideal subject choices & career paths
- How you perceive both social & educational information
- Unconscious interpersonal communication styles
- Causes of stress & the dealing thereof
- Relationship needs
- Any hyperactive behavior



The profiles give valuable information for understanding ourselves and others: in our relationships with family, friends, business associates and in our creative and work endeavors.

It is recommended that all Intersen Phase learners (Grade 4-7) have a completed Edu- Profile, but Foundation Phase would benefit from this as well. R350.00 is payable in cash to the front office to book (if the profile has not been done). **Please note:** The price is subject to change without notice.



Sport Activities (Gr 4 - 7)

Learners are encouraged to take part in the sport programme offered. We aim to instill a love for physical activities.
Our extra-mural programme for the school year includes:

- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Cricket
- Netball

Other Activities

- Coding & Robotics
- Individual Academic Support and Support Classes
- Chess

3rd Party Extra Mural (External Providers)

These activities are available at an additional cost. Please enquire at the front office to find out which external extra murals are offered. Third-party providers visit the school to do demonstrations with learners during school hours. Parents are welcome to enrol their child in the extra mural of their choice, and the third-party provider will communicate the dates and times for the after-school sessions directly.

Fundraising

Finances are a major concern for most schools. Due to our commitment to keep our fees as affordable as possible and yet meet the needs of our school, additional funds are required. We would like to encourage parents to become involved in our fundraising projects. Your help and support in this area would be greatly appreciated and it is vital in maintaining our school's high standards.

Consistency in Attendance

As with punctuality, this is a very important aspect to building confidence and discipline into your child. In the case of absence, we would appreciate a note or telephone call giving us the reason for absence. School starts at 07h50 and the official academic day starts at 08h00.

Access to School Grounds

We ask that parents please make use of the intercom system at the pedestrian gate. Should you have a scheduled meeting, collecting a sick learner etc., we ask that you come through the front office and complete the visitor register to ensure that we are aware of who is always on the premises and for what purposes. We regard the safety of our learners and staff of the utmost importance and controlled access to our premises ensures that we limit unnecessary contact within our school grounds.

Learner Drop-Off



We hold the safety of our learners, parents and staff in the highest regard and therefore gates are unlocked at 07h00 and no learners will be allowed access to the premises before such time. Our school gates officially open at 07h00.

Learner Collection

For the safety of all our learners, no child will be permitted to leave the school premises unless accompanied by an adult – this includes a parent, guardian, or designated transport driver.

Parents who choose to use e-hailing services (such as Uber or Bolt) or any other transport, do so at their own discretion. However, we strongly encourage parents to inform the front office in advance by emailing the trip details and ensuring that the driver collects the learner directly from the front office. Please note that if the school has not been notified in advance with all relevant information regarding the transport services, the learner will not be allowed to leave with the driver. This measure is in place to ensure the safety and security of all our learners.



Waiting Area

Please note: Learners are to be collected from the waiting area by 14h00.
Should you not be able to make it in time to collect your children, we recommend that they be placed in our aftercare programme. Learners participating in sports/ support classes or extra mural activities will be exempted.

Aftercare Programme

Our Aftercare provides a safe, nurturing, and structured environment for learners to unwind and complete their homework after the school day. A home-cooked meal is served daily at 14h00, prepared on a two-week rotational menu to ensure variety and balanced nutrition. Learners may be collected any time up to 17h30. For children staying later in the afternoon, we recommend that parents pack an additional snack to enjoy before collection.

Late Collection

Aftercare Learners:

The Aftercare Centre closes at 17h30.
All late collections will incur an additional fee of R100 per 15 minutes after the specified collection time of 17:30. We would also like to kindly encourage parents to collect their children on time, as it is unfair to our staff who need to remain at school after closing hours. During the winter months, it becomes dark early, and many of our team members have family responsibilities of their own.

Non-Aftercare Learners:

To assist with learner collections, our teachers remain in the designated waiting area for approximately 10 minutes after school dismissal.

We understand that unexpected delays can happen, and we appreciate that life doesn't always go according to plan. If your child has not been collected after the 10-minute collection period, they will be signed into Aftercare, where they will remain until collected. The applicable Aftercare fee of R150 per day will be charged accordingly.

We kindly ask parents to collect their children as close to dismissal time as possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us ensure a safe and smooth collection process for all learners.

Daily School Lunch



Healthy Eating at School

At our school, we strive to promote healthy eating habits and a balanced lifestyle from a young age. To support this, we kindly ask that learners do not bring food containing sugar, artificial colorants, or preservatives during the school day.
Parents are encouraged to pack a nutritious lunch for full-day learners who remain at school until the afternoon. Please also ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle, as we promote water as the healthiest drink choice – no sugary drinks or juices are permitted.

By working together, we can help our learners develop lifelong healthy habits and the energy they need to learn, play, and thrive!

Personal Belongings

Parents are reminded to provide a suitably sized school bag to ensure all their child's belongings can fit comfortably and remain well-organized. We appeal to you and would appreciate it if you would mark all items with your child's full name. This includes juice bottles, cups, shoes, clothing, hats, lunch boxes etc. We cannot take responsibility for any articles going missing or for the breakage of such articles. Should your child accidentally take someone else's belongings home, we would appreciate it if you could please return it to the school.



Toys

No toys may be brought from home to school. It causes a great deal of distractions amongst the children, and can result in fighting. Any toys brought from home will be confiscated and we cannot take responsibility for any toys going missing or for the breakage thereof. We welcome items for "Show-and-Tell", which relates to the theme of the week and carries educational value and will be requested by the teacher. Any electronic device (except for the tablets) are considered toys and will be confiscated.



School Photographs

Individual school photos as well as class photos are taken annually in the second term. You will be notified in advance as to the dates the photographs will be taken. Photographs taken during school events may be added to the Grade WhatsApp Groups, Welridge social media pages, Welridge website and other marketing materials, etc. as a form of keeping parents updated as to what is happening during school events. Should your child participate in an extra mural activity outside of school and win any prizes, please send in the photographs so that we can post these on our Website, social media pages, and other marketing platforms.

Birthdays



A birthday is a great event in every child's life and others love to share in it. Parents may arrange beforehand to bring refreshments on this day.



Emergency Information

It is necessary that you notify the school immediately whenever there is a change in address and contact details. We cannot be held responsible for misinformation if we are not notified of changes. Please notify the front office on (011) 476-5216, via email info@welridge.co.za or the Welridge WhatsApp number 076 260 4238.

Notification of Illness/Injury



When a child appears to be ill and is considered unfit to complete the school day, parents will be notified and expected to collect their child immediately. Immediate collection is very important for your child's health and comfort. There is also the danger of a sick child infecting other children. A child who has a contagious disease must stay at home until they have recuperated. If your child is off sick on a Monday or Friday a doctor's note is required.



Accidents

Accidents can happen. However, we do our utmost to ensure that your child is cared for in an environment which is free from obvious and potential hazards. We maintain good safety standards indoors and outdoors and a safety check of all areas and equipment is carried out. Constant supervision is vital so as to ensure that our learners do not get hurt. Should an accident happen, an incident report must be completed by the teacher on duty, even when it's a minor injury (abrasions and grazes, bite wounds etc.), parents will be notified via a telephone call, WhatsApp message or on arrival in the afternoon of such incidents. First Aid treatment is vital and selected staff are trained as to what to do in an emergency.

Medication



Medication Policy

Should your child be on any medication, we would like to ask that the medication be administered at home before or after school as far as possible. Should the medication, however, need to be given to your child during the course of the day, we ask that parents ensure that the medication along with the doctor's or pharmacist's instruction be handed in at the front office and recorded in the Front Office Medication Journal.

For the safety of all our learners, no medication may be placed in a child's school bag. All medication must be handed in at the Front Office and recorded in the Medication Journal. This procedure ensures that teachers are aware of any medication that needs to be administered and prevents any risk to our primary school learners. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and well-managed environment for every child in our care.





Admission Criteria 2027

Primary School (Grade 4 to Grade 7)		
Grade	**Year of Birth**	**Age**
Grade 4	2017	9 Turning 10
Grade 5	2016	10 Turning 11
Grade 6	2015	11 Turning 12
Grade 7	2014	12 Turning 13

Intermediate Phase: Grade 4-6
Senior Phase: Grade 7

School Fees

All school fees are payable monthly in advance. No refunds will be made for absences. Three calendar months' written notice is required to terminate the enrolment contract. Notice is to be emailed to our Accounts Department on accounts2@welridge.co.za and a copy is to be emailed to the principal on info@welridge.co.za. Alternatively, written notice of termination must be hand delivered to Welridge Academy for the attention of "The Principal." Notice of termination may not result in the last day of attendance being in the month of November. Parents who fall into arrears will automatically be handed over to our attorneys and your child will be suspended from school until such time as fees are up to date. Learners whose fees are not up to date will not receive their progress reports, nor will they receive transfer cards if they are moving to other schools.

Application Procedure

1. A Screening Application must be completed, signed, and initialed on each page for each individual child.
2. Once you receive confirmation of your pending acceptance, prospective parents will be asked to complete an Enrolment Agreement.
3. The following documents must accompany your application:
    - Parents' ID Books
    - Learner ID / Birth Certificate
    - Immunization Card
    - 4 x ID Photos of Learner
    - Proof of Residence (no older than 3 months)
    - Copy of Medical Aid Card
    - Three months' bank statements
    - Current Work Permit (if applicable)
    - 12 Month current/ previous school statement
    - Previous School Report (if applicable)
4. A non-refundable Registration Fee is payable on enrolment.
5. All prospective learners may spend a day at the school, prior to admission.



Registration Fees

Primary School Registration Fee (non-refundable)	R 2 500
Family Registration Fee (non-refundable) **	R 2 500

** Applies to registrations for siblings regardless of whether both/all children will be in the Pre-School / Primary School **

Annual Levies and Requirements

2027 Educational Resources Fee

- This includes all the additional resources used in class that are in addition to the stationery, the E-book list and Snapplify.
- Please ensure that all workbooks and materials are clearly marked with your child's name and surname.
- Kindly note that lost or damaged materials will need to be replaced at your cost.

2027 Shows & Outings Fee

- The shows and outings are scheduled and booked for the year in advance.
- Learners will not be permitted to attend any shows and outings if the annual Shows & Outings Fee has not been paid in full.

Grade 4 - 7

Shows and Outings	-	TBC
Includes: All shows and outings for the year		
Educational Resources	-	TBC

The Annual Educational Resources Fee and the Shows & Outings Fee are both payable at the beginning of the year.

Stationery Requirements

- A list of the stationery items to be purchased will be available from the office and emailed to parents during the 4th term.
- Please ensure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name and surname.
- Kindly note that lost or damaged items will need to be replaced by the parent/s or guardian/s.
- A school bag (with dividers).



Tablets & E-Book Requirements

- Grade 4 – 7 learners require a tablet – all textbooks are electronic (Snapplify).
- Snapplify is a content and media technology company, focusing on content, distribution and mobile publishing. They provide publishers and content producers with a platform for distribution, reading and retail of E-Books.
- Welridge makes use of E-books in our Intermediate and Senior Phase, as it is more compact in comparison to having various textbooks, thus making the learning process more efficient.
- A list of the required books which are to be purchased is available from the office and emailed to parents from the 4th term.
- Becoming comfortable with the device and software beforehand will help learners transition more smoothly into the school year.

Please note: All learners will receive training at school on how to use their tablets and digital textbooks, so no child will be left behind.

What your device needs:

When using the following minimum device specifications, the reader app will work, but it may underperform on specific devices:

- At least 8GB RAM
- At least 2GB of internal storage

Minimum operating systems supported:

- Android: 5.0 (Lollipop, SDK 21) or later
- iOS: iOS 16 or later
- Chrome OS: 2021 or later, supporting Android 5.0 (Lollipop, SDK 21) or later

Works best on the following operating systems:

- Android 10.0 (Pie)
- iOS 17 or later
- Chrome OS: 2023 or later, supporting Android 10.0 (Pie) or later

If your device meets these requirements, the Reader app should work well. If not, try updating your device or using a newer one.

Trusted brands:

If you are interested in purchasing a new device, consider one of these recommended brands:

- Apple: iPad
- Android: Samsung / Huawei / Sony (Tablets ONLY)

Please Note: Only tablets will be allowed at school, no laptops , phones or Mac Books.

Brief overview on 2027 E-book orders:

Our Grade 4 - 7 Intermediate and Senior Phases make use of tablets where textbooks are loaded onto it. Please install the Snapplify App prior to the start of the school year and use the Snapplify Download Information Guide to activate the Snapplify Account. E-books are purchased through Welridge Academy and loaded onto the tablets with the assistance from Snapplify support teachers.

Please note: The E-books may be purchased as soon as the book lists for 2027 are finalized, however the loading is only done in January 2027, as the books are only valid for one year. Once purchase has been done, please send proof of payment to accounts2@welridge.co.za.

Please Note: Parents are required to pay for the order of the E-books timeously, into the school's bank account.





Dress Code

1. Hair must always be neat and clean. No radical or unusual styles.
2. Hair must be a consistent natural colour. No streaks, highlights, lowlights, or multiple tones are permitted. The same applies to braids and weaves, colour must match natural hair colour.
3. Girls: If hair touches the collar or jacket, it must be tied up. (White, grey, green, yellow, or black accessories only).
4. Boys: Short hair must be short all round; it should not touch the eyebrow or top of ear. No steps or cut ins.
5. Dreadlocks or braids should be styled down, sewn down flat, or tied up. (Same rules apply as in nr 3)
6. Girls: No jewellery other than one earring only in each ear lobe, small studs, or sleepers only.
7. Should cultural or religious jewellery need to be worn for any reason, the procedures need to be followed as specified in the code of conduct.
8. Analogue watches are allowed.
9. No make-up may be worn at all. Nails must be kept short and clean. No nail polish.
10. Uniforms are to always be clean and tidy and in good condition.
11. Shoes must always be clean.
12. Girls are to wear regulation black shoes or baby dolls.
13. Boys are to wear regulation black shoes.
14. No tekkies may be worn with school uniform (except for Grade R).
15. Skirts must be on the knee in length.



Physical Education / Sporting Activities

Learners must be dressed appropriately for PE lessons and sports practice, matches and meetings etc. Sports uniform is to be worn as per the class timetable and PE schedule.

Grade 1 – 7 Learners may wear their Sports Uniform/PE clothes for the entire school day on designated PE days. Should there be a special occasion or event that requires the formal school uniform, parents will be informed in advance.

Sports & PE Uniform

Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
Welridge green & yellow golf shirt with school badge	Green tracksuit with Welridge green and yellow golf shirt with school badge
Green shorts with yellow stripe	White tekkies with white socks
White tekkies with white socks	Green windbreaker / Dry mac
School cap and sunblock	White vests (Polo necks are optional)
Welridge match shirt (used for all sports matches, meetings, and inter-school events)	

All learners are to be dressed in the full correct sports uniform for PE and sports practice/matches.

School Uniform

Boys (Grade 1 to 7)	
Summer Uniform	**Winter Uniform**
Grey shorts	Grey Long pants
Short sleeves white shirt with school badge	Long sleeve white shirt with Welridge green tie
Long grey Welridge socks are to be worn all year round	Long grey Welridge socks are to be worn all year round
Only regulation black shoes may be worn	Only regulation black shoes may be worn
Regulation green Welridge school jersey	Regulation green Welridge school jersey
School Cap	Welridge green bomber jacket/ windbreaker / dry mac

Girls (Grade 1 to 7)	
Summer Uniform	**Winter Uniform**
Green Welridge Skirt	Green Welridge skort/grey long pants (with grey socks)
Short sleeved white shirt with school badge	Long sleeved white shirt with Welridge green tie
Short white socks	Long black stockings(higher than 75 decitex)
Only regulation black shoes may be worn	Only regulation black shoes may be worn
Regulation green Welridge school jersey	Regulation green Welridge School Jersey
School Cap	Welridge green bomber jacket/ windbreaker /dry mac

Grade R (Boys and Girls)	
Summer Uniform	**Winter Uniform**
Welridge green & yellow match shirt	Green tracksuit with white polo neck with Welridge green and yellow match shirt worn over the polo neck.
Green shorts with yellow stripe	White tekkies with white socks
White tekkies with white socks	Welridge green bomber jacket/ windbreaker /dry mac
School cap	Green Welridge beanie

School uniforms are available from:

1) Viva Sports and School wear
CNR Highway and Oliver Street
Florida, Roodepoort
Tel: (011) 672 7562
082 850 1999



2) LSW School & Leisure
Black Heath Centre (Off Beyers Naude Road)
Tel: (011) 431-0406.

3) Learner's School wear & Sports/ Omni Skate and Surf
Shop 14 Trinity Village Shopping Centre
Beyers Naude Drive (Corner Eastwood and Knoppiesdoring Street),
Randpark Ridge Ext 121
Randburg
Tel: (011) 795-4305

School Times

Grade 4 - 7
Monday to Thursday: Normal School Hours 07h30 - 13h50

Grade R - 7
Friday: 07h30 - 12h50

School starts at 07h50 and our lessons start at 08h00. We would appreciate it if your child could be at school no later than 07h30.

1st Break:
09h50 - 10h10 (All)

2nd Break:
12h00 - 12h20 (All)

Aftercare:
Grade 4-7: Starts straight after school.

2027 Welridge Academy Term Dates:



1st Term	13th January	19th March (TBC)
2nd Term	6th April	25th June (TBC)
3rd Term	20th July	22nd September (TBC)
4th Term	5th October	8th December (TBC)

Please Note: These dates are based on the proposed GDE calendar and are subject to change.

Term 1 - 4 Public Holidays

01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public Holiday
26 March	Good Friday
29 March	Family Day
26 April	Special School Holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
1 May	Workers' Day
14 May	Ascension Day
15 June	Special School Holiday
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill
27 December	Public Holiday

Please Note:

During the school holidays, we will run a Holiday Programme for all learners who wish to attend. Kindly note that no academic work will be done during this period, as the programme is focused on fun, relaxation, and engaging activities. Fees do apply, contact us for more information

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