

E. DECLARATION BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN:

I, (full names) _____

the parent/ legal guardian of _____ (full names) hereby

declare that:

1. I have read and am fully conversant with and accept the entire contents of Part A & B of the Application.
2. I accept the right of the Governing Body to invoke Clause 14 of Part B of the Application, where false information is provided.
3. I undertake -
 - a) to ensure that my child/ ward attends school regularly and should my child/ ward be absent from school for any reason, I will notify the class teacher, in writing, stating reason(s) for absence;
 - b) to pay school fees in terms of sections 39 and 40 of the South African Schools Act, Act no 84 of 1996, as determined by the Governing Body
 - c) to pay all costs incurred for damage done or losses caused by my child/ ward to school property and departmental books and equipment;
 - d) to ensure that my child/ward and I are fully conversant with the School's Code of Conduct, and that he conducts himself accordingly;
 - e) to make myself personally available to the School when the need to discuss my child's conduct and academic progress is necessary.
4. I understand that should I renege on my school fee obligations and I fail to approach the School in order to make alternative arrangements, which are mutually acceptable, in writing, the School has the right to instruct its legal representatives to collect from me all school fees owing, with costs and interest as stipulated in Clause 11 of Part B.
5. I agree that the Principal or his/her designates may act in loco parentis in the event of any injury or accident in which my child/ ward may be involved. (Note, however, that all learners are covered by ER24 Medical Evacuation service which provides a financial guarantee for hospital acceptance. Such guarantee is refundable by the parent and the parent remains responsible for medical costs after arrival.)
6. I undertake, upon removing my child from the school, to give at least one month's notice, in writing, to the Headmaster or in default thereof, to pay one term's fees in lieu of such notice
7. I acknowledge that completion of this form does not necessarily imply confirmation of acceptance of my child at York High School. (This will be done by letter from the Headmaster.)
8. **CONSENT AND INDEMNITY:**
I hereby give my consent for my child/ ward to take part in any and all activities of the school, whether conducted on the school premises or extra-murally, including, but not limited to, games, athletics; tours and excursions of general, vocational, educational, historical or scientific interest. I fully understand and accept that all such activities shall be undertaken at my child's / ward's own risk and I undertake, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my executors and my aforementioned child / ward to indemnify, hold harmless and absolve York High School, the Principal and his/her staff against and from any or all claims whatsoever which may arise in connection with any loss or damage to the person or property of my aforementioned child / ward in the course of such activities.

DOMICILIUM:

I specifically choose domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes at the residential address set out above in Part C.

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____ * see note below

WITNESS: (1) Signature : _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

WITNESS: (2) Signature : _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

* In terms of Guardianship Act, 1993, which states, inter alia, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law or the common law, a woman shall be the guardian of her minor children born out of a marriage and such guardianship shall be equal to that which a father has under the common law in respect of his minor children. Further, whenever both a father and a mother have guardianship of a minor child of their marriage, each one of them is competent, subject to any Order of a competent court to the contrary, to exercise independently and without consent of the other any right or power to carry out any duty arising from such guardianship.

FOR SCHOOL USE:

Result of Application:

Additional Information/ Comment:



Date : _____ Principal/ Deputy : _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

All learners are urged to discuss this document in **conjunction with the school rules as set out in the prospectus** with their parents, and then sign the document and return it to York High School.

YORK HIGH CODE OF CONDUCT

The staff and learners at York High School are committed to upholding the name of the school by showing respect and tolerance for all, and by standing up for what is right both at school and in the community.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

At York High School we believe that in each classroom during every lesson it is essential that an atmosphere conducive to optimum learning should be created. We must respect one another's **RIGHT TO LEARN**. In order to achieve this:

We as learners will strive:

- to exhibit a positive attitude towards our studies and towards those who teach us.
- to participate enthusiastically in class activities.
- to respect the values, ideas and property of our fellow learners.
- to be friendly and supportive towards our peers.
- to respect our teachers and act with appropriate courtesy.
- to tolerate one another's differences and to avoid any form of discrimination.
- to do nothing that will in any way hinder a fellow learner's ability to achieve.
- to be honest, and at all times, whether doing homework, preparing projects or writing tests, do our own work and not copy from others.

Further, we the learners:

- will be punctual in arriving at class.
- will enter and leave the classroom in an orderly fashion.
- will be quiet during intercom announcements.
- will be fully prepared for each class session, which means
 - work up to date
 - correct books and equipment at hand
- will look after our classroom and the furniture and equipment therein.
- will exhibit the kind of classroom behaviour which contributes to a positive learning atmosphere, for example:
 - no shouting out loud
 - no disturbing others
 - positive contributions
- will have the courage to own up when we have misbehaved and not let others pay the penalty for our misdemeanor.

Finally we would expect of our teachers:

- the creation of a positive classroom atmosphere – relaxed yet controlled.
- fair warning of tests and deadlines.
- fair issuing of homework and assignments, a variety of teaching methods with a view to a pleasurable and effective learning experience.
- firm action against individual offenders and a genuine attempt to avoid punishing the group for the offences of individual learners.
- recognition and praise for achievement, while making sure that non-achievers are never humiliated.
- the realization that respect and courtesy must be mutual

NB: To be signed by Learner

I,....., have read the prospectus and this document and intend to do my best to live up to the ideals expressed therein.

Signed.....Date.....

Comments.....

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Dear Parent/Guardian

In order to help your child resist the temptation of drugs, we have introduced drug screening at York High School. Drug screening is becoming more and more acceptable and is being introduced in many leading schools throughout South Africa. We at York would like our school to be a Drug Free Zone and a safe haven for all our learners.

Today's teenagers face an increasing number of challenges to their code of values. Among certain groups the use of illegal drugs is perceived as being socially acceptable and the ready availability of drugs, combined with natural curiosity and peer pressure can result in children making decisions which could have negative and long-lasting effects on their lives.

We are aware that dagga today is more potent than in the past and is classified as a dangerous drug. It affects concentration levels and interferes with normal academic and social development. The long term effects can play havoc with a child's life. It is in order to protect our children and to support their right to say "NO" that we have decided to introduce drug screening.

It is against the school rules for learners to use tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs while at the school, or at school related activities or in any dress or circumstances that identify them as York learners. The possession, distribution and use of illegal substances is outlawed in our country. It is a punishable offence under SA law.

We trust we have your co-operation and support. The procedure would be as follows:

1. Learners will be tested where deemed necessary and all tests will be handled with full discretion. Results will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.
2. A screening test would be done at school and would be overseen by a senior staff member. A urine sample would be tested immediately in the presence of the learner, senior staff member and a witness. Parents of learners who have been tested will be notified of the results.

Please indicate on the reply slip if you would be prepared to allow your child to be screened to keep York High a Drug Free Zone.

I strongly encourage you to see this in a positive light as a step towards creating a healthy environment for the whole York family. We believe it will be in your child's interest, thus empowering him / her to say "NO" when temptation arises.

Yours faithfully

FM MOLL
HEADMASTER



YORK HIGH SCHOOL

REPLY SLIP

Name of Parent/Guardian: (please print).....

Name of Learner: (please print).....

I, the undersigned, hereby GIVE CONSENT for my child to be screened for drugs. Should this be done and the results prove positive, I will become involved in the process to encourage my child to join a support group, and will support the school in the disciplinary process.

Signed.....Date.....

OR

Name of parent/guardian: (please print).....

Name of pupil: (please print).....

I, the undersigned, DO NOT give permission for my child to be screened for drugs.

Signed.....Date.....

