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Dear Grade 8 Parent/Guardian

A heartfelt welcome to Odieland!

Herewith necessary and important information regarding the upcoming school year:

Important dates:

- **13 January 2026** – Textbook Drive-Thru
- **14–16 January** – Orientation Programme
- **16 January** – Athletics & Sleepover – Fetch learners at 06:00 on Saturday 17 January
- **19 January** – Compulsory Parents' Evening (Grade 8)
- **27 January** – Grade 8 Concert

1. Textbook Drive-Thru: 13 January 2026

- Parents who paid their first payment may collect textbooks on the date indicated.
- If the registration fee is not paid, please do not go through the drive-thru as textbooks will not be available.
- Please stick to the time indicated for each grade. Only these textbooks will be at the collection point.
- If payment was made a day before the collection date, please bring the bank slip (proof of payment).

2. School Fees

As per the South African Schools Act 1996 (No. 84 of 1996) and Government Notice No. 1293 of 12 October 1998, we are a **Section 21 Fee-Paying School** and payment of school fees is compulsory.

By enrolling your child at a Section 21 School, you have chosen quality education, which comes with obligations and responsibilities.

- The school fees for 2026 will be R18 200 per year. (R1650 pm)
- Registration fee: R1 700
- Any arrangements regarding school fees must be made **in writing** and addressed to **Ms M Ras / Ms T Mdungwana** at the finance office. Email: finance@fhodendaal.co.za

Banking Details:

Bank: ABSA
Account Type: Cheque
Account Number: 1430390062
Branch Code: 632005

Reference: Learner's **FAMILY CODE** and Surname
Example: 4321 MOTAU

Important: Accounts in arrears at the end of **July 2026** will be handed over to the school's attorneys for full collection.



3. Cellphone Policy

No learner will be allowed to have a cell phone in his possession during a school day – NO learner will be allowed to carry a cellphone/accessory on him/her as a person during a school day – visible or not.

The school will not take responsibility for theft or loss of any cellphone or accessories brought to school. **No investigation whatsoever** will take place in cases of stolen/lost devices.

Reasons for this policy:

- Learners carrying or using cellphones in public (including when traveling) are frequent targets of criminals.
- Theft at school from bags and blazers is common.
- Learners often misplace phones and claim they were stolen.
- Phones can be used to cheat in examinations.
- Features (games, music, internet) distract learners from academics.
- Access to inappropriate content.
- Phones make learners vulnerable to criminals or paedophiles.

Consequences if a learner is found with a cellphone:

- **First Offence:** Phone confiscated for 4 weeks and kept in Finance Office. Returned after admin fee of **R100** is paid.
- **Second Offence:** Phone kept until end of the school year. Returned after admin fee of **R100**.

The school strongly recommends parents/guardians ensure learners leave phones at home. For emergencies, contact can be made via the **Admin Office**.

4. Orientation: 14–16 January 2026

Entry for Grade 8 learners is at **Gate 5 (Entrance next to the cell tower)**.

- Assemble at **07:00 on the hockey field** next to the hall.
- Orientation is strictly supervised by the Student Council and the Grade 8 register teachers.
- **No initiation whatsoever** will take place.
- Dress code: **Odies sportswear** (available at Totiusdal Handelshuis, Tel: 012 3320016).
- Grade 8 learners will wear Odies sportswear for the **first two weeks**. After the concert on **27 January**, learners switch to the full school uniform.



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5. Sleepover: 16 January 2026

- Athletics try-outs, concert practice, and team-building activities will run the whole day.
- Sleepover is **compulsory**.
- Learners must bring everything with them Friday morning. No forgotten items will be accepted.
- Parents may drop off a healthy supper between **17:00–18:00**.
- At **18:15** learners assemble in front of the school hall.
- Collection time: **Saturday, 17 January at 06:00 sharp**.

6. Grade 8 Concert

- Date: **27 January 2026 at 18:00**
- Daily practice after school: **14:00–15:00**.
- Dress rehearsal: **26 January 2026, 14:00–17:00**.

7. Required School Uniform – Senior Phase

Girls

- Shoes: Black flat heel shoes with strap/laces.
- Socks: White short, or long grey / navy stockings.
- Skirt: Grey, modest fit, length 5 cm from floor when kneeling.
- Trousers: Grey, no tight-fit. Must reach shoelace knot.
- Shirt: Sky blue short-sleeve. Top button fastened if worn with a tie.
- Jersey/Pullover: Neat school jersey.
- Blazer: Compulsory with school badge.
- Tie: Compulsory when worn.
- Hats/Beanie/Scarf: Official school items only.
- **Odie wear**: Compulsory for first 2 weeks. Fridays/LO sport days thereafter.
- Tracksuit: May be worn on Fridays or during June exams.

Boys

- Shoes: Black school shoes.
- Socks: Long grey socks.
- Trousers: Grey, **no tight-fit**. Must reach shoelace knot.
- Shirt: Sky blue short-sleeve. Top button fastened if worn with a tie.
- Jersey/Pullover: Neat school jersey.
- Blazer: Compulsory with school badge.
- Tie: Compulsory when worn.
- Belt: Black/brown leather.
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8. School Programme (14–16 January)

- Intensive orientation with focus on reading, values, and rules.
- **Reading proficiency test** compulsory.
- Learners with challenges must attend free **Reading Centre** sessions.
- Strong readers may qualify for **CAT or Robotics** instead.

9. Houses

Learners are placed in one of four houses: **Respectus, Excellentia, Humilitas, Reverentia.**

- House Masters guide participation and school spirit.
- **House Shirt Fridays:** Learners proudly wear their house shirts (available at Totiusdal Handelshuis).

10. School Layout

FH Odendaal is a **value-driven school** divided into:

- **Senior Phase (Gr 8–9)** – separate timetable, uniform rules, areas, and leadership by **Ms Z Helm.**
- **FET Phase (Gr 10–12)** – operates independently.

11. Senior Phase School Hours

- **Mon–Thu:** 07:25 – 14:00
- **Fri:** 07:25 – 13:30

12. Lockers

Lockers may be hired. Terms & conditions apply.

- Accessible before school, during breaks, after school.
- Not compulsory.

13. Waiting Area

- Learners not in extra classes/sport must leave directly after school.
- A waiting area is provided.
- **No waiting on Baviaanspoort Road traffic island** — as it is very dangerous.

14. Textbooks & Stationery

- All textbooks supplied by the school (must be covered in plastic).
- Lost/damaged books will be billed.
- Stationery list will be provided — parents purchase independently.



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15. Values

Our school is proud and would like to incorporate the following values as part of each learner's character: humility, respect, integrity, responsibility, perseverance, and excellence. During the different terms, we will focus on additional values.

Parents/Guardians' cooperation is necessary to establish these values at home as well. Learners must take the responsibility of safeguarding their belongings.

NO investigation of theft of cell phones, tablets and calculators and/or pencil cases will be conducted by the school.

16. Parents' Information Evening

- **19 January 2026, 18:00** – compulsory meeting.
- Rules, procedures, and expectations explained.
- Additional parent meetings in Terms 2–4 to discuss marks.

17. Communication Channels

- Circulars, D6, SMS, Parents' evenings.
- Phone calls from Grade Heads for serious matters.
- Digital:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Streefhoog>
 - Website: www.fhodendaal.co.za
 - Instagram: hs_fh_odendaal
 - D6 Email

18. Sport & Culture

- Wide variety of activities.
- Learners encouraged to participate fully.

19. Fundraising

- One excursion in March.
- Approx. cost: **R500 per learner** (includes bus, lunch, rides).
- Our school hosts an annual FUNday at school in August.
- Approx. cost: **R200 per learner**
- Strongly encouraged for camaraderie and fun.

20. The Totiusdal Handelshuis school uniform shop is located in Waverley. During the school term, it is also open on Wednesdays at 14:00 on the school premises.

We look forward to a long and successful partnership with you and your child.

Odie greetings

J.D. Brummer
PRINCIPAL

Z. Helm
SENIOR PHASE HEAD





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LIST OF STATIONERY: GRADE 8 – 2026

<p>GENERAL STATIONERY</p> 	<p>1 x PROPER, STRONG SCHOOL CASE WITH REINFORCED DIVIDERS. <u>Totiusdal Handelshuis</u> are selling <u>SCHOOLBAGS</u>. NO other bags will be allowed!</p> <p>1 x Pritt, Eraser, 30cm Ruler, sharpener, scissors 1 x Packet of colour pencils 1 x Set Highlighter pens 1 x Black pen 4 x Blue pens 1 x HB-pencil 1 x Set of Colour Pens 1 x Casio FX-82ZA Plus II Scientific Calculator</p> <p>Covering paper, plastic and cello tape to cover books 1 X OFFICE PAPER A4 WHITE 80G/M2 -PREFERRED BRANDS: TYPEK, ROTATRIM</p> 
<p>Afrikaans HT / EAT</p>	<p>Afrikaans/English Dictionary/ Woordeboek HAT (bilingual) 1 x 288p Hard cover exercise book with lines 1 x Portfolio file (plastic) 5 x Colour pages -A4 – different colours (Term 3 project)</p>
<p>English HL / FAL</p>	<p>South African School Dictionary OXFORD 1 x Portfolio file (plastic) 2 x 288p Hard cover exercise books with lines 10 x colour pages (different colours)</p>
<p>Life Orientation</p>	<p>1 x 192p Hard cover exercise book with lines 1 x Portfolio file (plastic)</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>1 x 192p Hard cover exercise book with lines (Maths 102) 1 x 192p Hard cover exercise book with blocks (Maths 102) 1 x 192p Hard cover exercise book with lines (Maths 101) 1 x 72p Exercise book with lines</p>
<p>Creative Arts</p>	<p>1 x 72p Exercise books with lines 4 x Graphite Pencils: HB; B; 2B; 4B 2 x Pritt (glue) 3 x Magazines 1 x A4 10 sleeve flip file</p>
<p>Natural sciences</p>	<p>1 x 192p Hard cover exercise book with lines</p>
<p>Social Sciences (Geography & History)</p>	<p>2 x Blue portfolio file (plastic) 2 x 192p Hard Cover exercise book with lines 2 x Exam pad with lines (punched)</p>
<p>Economic and Management (Business / Accounting)</p>	<p>1 x72p Exercise book A4 Learners will receive an infill exercise book. 1 x Portfolio file (plastic)</p>
<p>Technology</p>	<p>1 x Black portfolio file (plastic) 1 x 72p Exercise book A4 1 x Helix Oxford geometry set</p>