

LENDY PARK



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6.)

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Next Week

Monday 11th September

⇒ Grade 5s leave for Aberfoyle and return on Friday 15th

Tuesday 12th September - Cricket vs Diggelfold

⇒ Grade 3 Cricket at Lendy Park at 2:00p m

Wednesday 13th September - Cricket & Tennis vs Diggelfold

⇒ 1st Team and Colts A Cricket at Lendy Park at 1:30 pm

⇒ 1st Team Girls Tennis at Lendy Park at 1:30 pm

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:18:

Association of Christian Schools

Pathways to School Improvement

Lendy Park is a member of the association of Christian School (ACSI), as well as the Association of Trust Schools (ATS).

As part of our journey with the ACSI, we are participating in the **Pathways to School Improvement Programme (PSI)**. Every holiday period, a committee of our staff attend workshops in Harare and explore how the school has progressed and what needs to happen next.

The most important outcome of this programme is it will result in an **annual accreditation** in which external 'inspectors' will visit the school and decide if the school has reached or maintained the standards required for accreditation and, more importantly, that we are striving to improve. This process will give you, the parents, the guarantee that Lendy Park School is meeting international standards in Christian Education.

The school is nearing the end of the training sessions and we are now working hard to ensure that we meet the required expectations for accreditation. We are striving to have this certification by the end of 2024. We do not want this to be a 'check the box' process but a real transformation of our school. We have come a long way but there is still much to be done before we are ready. In November, a team from ACSI - Zimbabwe will come to the school to have a preliminary look at what we are doing and where we are.

One aspect that you will be aware of is [the parent survey](#) that was sent out last term. I thank everyone who took the time to complete the somewhat lengthy survey to provide us very useful feedback which we are analysing. Rome was not built in a day so we are tackling the concerns piecemeal. To begin with we are tackling the following areas this term: [homework to conform to the policy statement](#); implementation and enforcement of other policies that direct staff actions and activities; a review of the format of the reports that are issued to parents and improving the communication with parents. Your continued feedback, both positive and negative, is very welcome as we try to improve our service.

Other aspects that are required before accreditation is to finalise the Long Term Development Plan; establish Expected Student Outcomes (which will be both the yardstick and target for what we want a "Lendy Park Child" to be like when they leave the school) and finally the establishment of the Spiritual Formation Curriculum to ensure that our children leave Lendy Park School having been exposed to a full range of biblical truths and have had the opportunity to accept Jesus as their saviour.

The one point that was really driven home at conference is that the behaviour of **staff, parents and children** is what makes a Christian School - not the facilities or even the curriculum (these are just the tools). We all need to **LIVE OUR VALUES EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES**: this is our focus this term. Despite our individual imperfections, through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are made whole again. Let our actions speak of our love for Christ.

