



# Simoko Trust School

*Creating Value and Making a Difference in the Children of Today so that they Become Effective Leaders of Tomorrow*

## Newsletter, January 2021

Build a strong foundation and you can reach even the most unthinkable heights.  
- M.J. Moores

### Special Welcome and Thanks

We welcome all our new pupils and parents and guardians to Simoko Trust School. We also welcome back and thank our old and returning pupils to this exciting first term in this year! We are looking forward to a productive term together.

### New Developments

We are glad to announce that our school is now an established examination center and, having successfully conducted the just ended Grade 7 examinations as set and supervised by the Examination Council of Zambia, we trust we are primed for bigger successes in the coming year. We thank our clients for the continued support and for making it possible for us to be registered as an examination center.

### Term 1– 2021 School Events

The following events are lined up for Term 1, 2021. Please take note and ensure you and your child participate fully:

- ❖ Weekly tests are every Friday and Monthly tests are given every last Friday of the Month.
- ❖ Women's Day is on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This is a public holiday.
- ❖ Youth Day is on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This too is a public holiday.
- ❖ Mid-term break will be from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- ❖ End of term 1 tests begin on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and end on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- ❖ Take note of public holidays on Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 and Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- ❖ Open (Consultation) Day will be on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- ❖ Closing Day will be on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- ❖ Second term opens on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### Weekly Programs

- ❖ Reporting time for all pupils is 07:20hrs, and classes begin at 07:30hrs.
- ❖ Knocking off time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays is 15:30hrs and 12:30hrs on Fridays.
- ❖ Every Friday is physical education.
- ❖ Each class has leadership and team building games once a week.

### Clubs

Clubs remain suspended for Term 1, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Homework Policy and Communication Books

Class teachers have been asked to issue home-work on a daily basis to the children. Parents need to check books of their children and sign to ensure that this is the case.

Where communication books are not available, parents are encouraged to share their views about their children and homework and general behavior and concerns using home-work books.

### Accounts Corner

Our school fees are as follows:

Day Care: K2,000.00 per term  
Baby Class - Reception: K1,385.00 per term  
Grade 1 – Grade 7: K1,635.00 per term  
PTA Fund: K50 per term

All parents who will pay school fees for Term 1, 2021, before 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will enjoy a 10% discount. All payments should be made through the bank and, please, present the deposit slip to school so that a receipt is issued.

The school bank account details are:

Account Name: Simoko Services Limited  
Bank Name: Stanbic Bank  
Account Number: 9130000662988  
Branch: Ndola Main

All payments must be deposited or transferred to the above account. Cheques are also accepted. No cash payments will be accepted.

### Dropping off and Picking up Children

Parents have been encouraged to drop their children in school not later than 07:20 hours every day. Children brought to school after the above time will be sent back home and this. Similarly, picking up children one hour or later will attract a K50 surcharge for any hour late and a further K50 for a subsequent hour late.

Kindly note that picking up of children should only be done by the same person known by the school, if any parent decides to send a different person to pick up the child, the person should be introduced to us in advance otherwise the school will not release the child to that new person.

### Our school buses

Please report any bad driving and unwanted Behavior. Children using the bus must observe the rules of the bus, e.g. no eating or drinking in the bus, no standing, no sticking out heads or limbs from the window, etc.

Please note that the bus fares have been revised and all concerned parents must note this and collect the new fare chart from the school.

### Child Protection Policy Statement

We, Simoko Trust School, commit to a policy that cherishes all children as a special gift, with the right to dignity of life and bodily integrity which shall be respected and nurtured, protecting them from emotional, physical and sexual harm or neglect. As a school, we accept that we have an obligation to ensure that children are safe whenever they are in the company of staff or fellow learners at our premises, away from school or in their own homes and that every possible measure is taken to protect them from suffering any form of abuse. We will take seriously and respond in accordance with the appropriate laws to any reported allegation, concern or suspicion of abuse. In all decisions and actions taken in response to an allegation or suspicion of child abuse, the child's welfare will always be the paramount consideration.

### School Rules & Discipline

School Rules are made for the good of all learners, to protect the integrity of our institution, and to promote the values of all who are part of our family. Parents and learners must ensure school rules are followed to the letter. Any failure to follow the rules will be dealt with accordingly. Penalties shall include suspension and expulsion for repeated, deliberate and dangerous behavior. See the school rules for further guidance.

### School Canteen & Nutrition

Meals are served for learners who sign up to eat from the School Canteen. Charges are as follows:

Lunch: K700 per month

Breakfast: K550 per month

The meals served are clean, balanced and nutritious.

Yours sincerely

**Simoko Trust School**

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