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144 124 Online Applications Received so far for 2019 Admissions

The Gauteng Department of Education is pleased with day 1 of online admissions for Grade 1 and 8. By 15:15, the department had received **144 124 successful applications**. The system is efficient in handling a large volume of applications. Within the first 10 minutes, we had received over 10 000 successful applications.

We have identified a few challenges, namely the following:

1. Parents entering home and work addresses incorrectly
2. Delays with sending Waiting List numbers
3. Web Operating Systems

With regards to the addresses, we appeal to parents to first select their municipality, then select the town (Johannesburg, Pretoria, Randburg etc), thereafter, parents can select the township or suburb in which they live. When you follow this procedure, you should not have a problem with finding your street address.

We urge parents to make use of Google Chrome, as our site is linked with Google Maps, which makes it easier with regards to the addresses. Google Chrome is faster and most compatible with the online application system.

We are experiencing delays with regards to the waiting list numbers; however, our partner, Vodacom is assisting in this regard.

“The online application system is the future. It provides for a fair and equitable opportunity for parents to apply at public schools. We are very humbled by the support and response from parents,” says MEC Panyaza Lesufi.

Applications for Grade 1 and 8 commenced today and will close **midnight, 28 May 2018**.

Parents must visit www.gdeadmissions.gov.za to apply.

Any parent who lacks access to the internet or requires face-to-face assistance should visit one of the decentralised application centers or a community library. The Department will operate 57 admissions centres across the 15 education districts.

Alternatively, parents can contact the Department at the following telephone or email address:

Call Centre on (011) 355 0000;

Toll free number 0800 000 789; or

Email: Gdeinfo@gauteng.gov.za

Parents that have Grade R learners must apply online for Grade 1. For all other Grades (Grades 2-7 and Grade 9-11) parents should apply at the school.

We appeal to parents to apply online and apply on time. Once more, we are humbled by the overwhelming positive response from parents and promise to do everything possible to make the experience problem free.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education’s Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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