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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child at the **Autism Connect Early Learning Centre (ACELC)**. We are committed to providing a structured, supportive, and individualised learning environment for autistic children aged 3–16. Please find below a detailed outline of our services, baseline assessment process, fee structure, and next steps for applications for the **2026 academic year**.

1. Our Service Offering

At Autism Connect Early Learning Centre, our programme is designed around the **TEACCH framework**, providing a highly structured, predictable, and individualised learning environment. Our service offering includes:

Core Programme Components

1. **Communication development** (verbal, AAC, PECS, gestures)
2. **Early academics** (literacy, numeracy, pre-writing skills)
3. **Daily living skills** (toileting, feeding, grooming, independence tasks)
4. **Cognitive development & problem-solving**
5. **Social and play skills** (parallel play, cooperative play, turn-taking)
6. **Movement and regulation activities** (sensory integration, gross and fine motor development)
7. **Emotional regulation & behavioural support**
8. **Structured work systems** aligned to each learner's developmental profile

Learning Hours

1. **Monday–Friday: 07:30 – 14:30**
2. **Optional Aftercare available until 17:00** (additional fee applies)

2. Baseline Assessment Fee & Structure

All applicants must complete a **Baseline Assessment** before placement can be confirmed.

Baseline Assessment Fee:

A once-off, non-refundable fee of **R1500** is payable prior to your scheduled baseline date.

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Baseline Assessment Structure (3 Days)

Our baseline process allows us to observe your child holistically across multiple domains. Each day focuses on one developmental area:

Day 1 — Social Skills & Play

1. Interaction with adults and peers
2. Social responsiveness
3. Parallel and structured play
4. Emotional expression and regulation

Day 2 — Academics

1. Early literacy and numeracy
2. Visual perception
3. Problem-solving
4. Task engagement and ability to follow structured activities

Day 3 — Gross Motor Observation

1. Motor planning and coordination
2. Balance and core strength
3. Movement patterns
4. Sensory-seeking/avoidant behaviours

This 3-day structure helps us develop an accurate picture of your child's learning style, strengths, and needs.

3. Baseline Feedback Process

Once the baseline assessment has been completed:

1. A **parent feedback meeting** will be scheduled.
2. We will present our findings and share observations from all three days.
3. You will receive clarity on next steps regarding placement, support needs, and school readiness.
4. If placement is recommended, we will discuss suitable class placement and transition considerations.

4. Fee Structure for 2026

The following fees apply for learners accepted into the Early Learning Centre:

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1. Enrolment Fee

1. A once-off fee of **R1250** is payable upon acceptance to secure your child's placement.

2. Monthly Tuition Fee of R3450

1. Covers the full education programme, materials, and support services implemented within the centre.

3. Transport Fee (Optional)

1. Transport is available depending on **distance from the Centre**.
2. Fees are calculated per area and communicated individually.

4. Aftercare Fee (Optional)

1. Learners can remain until **17:00**.
2. Monthly aftercare fees apply.

A full fee sheet will be provided upon completion of the baseline assessment.

5. Next Baseline Assessment Dates

Our next baseline assessments for **2026 placement** will take place on:

 **13–15 January 2026**

Please note dates are subject to change.

Bookings will be confirmed once the baseline fee has been received.

6. Contact & Next Steps

Should you wish to proceed:

1. Confirm your interest via email or phone.
2. Pay the baseline fee.
3. Receive your child's scheduled baseline dates.
4. Attend the feedback session to discuss placement.

We look forward to partnering with you on your child's developmental journey.

Warm regards,

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