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We extend our sincere appreciation for your partnership and trust as we conclude the 2025/2026 academic session at Great Faith International School. Our learners have excelled in academics, STEM, and leadership, and this success reflects your unwavering support at home.

As we prepare for a new session, we remain resolute in upholding the culture of discipline, punctuality, and excellence that distinguishes Great Faith as an institution.

UPDATE ON POLICIES FOR THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION

To sustain the serene, distraction-free learning environment for which our school is known, Management wishes to re-emphasize the following policies, which will take full effect upon resumption:

1. PUNCTUALITY & GATE ACCESS POLICY

Punctuality is non-negotiable. Academic activities commence at 8:05 a.m., with a 15-minute grace period.

Consequently, the school gate will close promptly at 8:20 a.m. daily. Learners who arrive after 8:20 a.m. will be denied entry. Persistent lateness will attract further disciplinary action.

We kindly request that parents and guardians make adequate transport and morning arrangements to ensure learners are on campus before 8:20 a.m.

2. LEARNERS' GROOMING & HAIR POLICY

To maintain uniformity, modesty, and focus, our grooming standards will be strictly enforced.

Prohibited styles for all learners include: taper cuts, skin cuts with designs, steps, artworks, mohawks, rasta/dreadlocks, spiky styles, coloured or bleached hair, unkempt cuts, and all other extreme or trendy styles.

Approved styles:

Boys: A neat, uniform low cut without lines or patterns.

Girls: Neat cornrows without extensions, threaded cornrows (_Irun Kiko_), or a low natural cut.

Any learner who reports to school with a non-compliant haircut or hairstyle will be withdrawn at the parent's expense for correction before readmission to class. Where such a case is identified during school hours, the learner will be held in a designated area until correction is effected.

3. EXAMINATIONS POLICY

Half-term, end-of-term, sessional, and external examinations all constitute a critical component of academic evaluation. Full participation is therefore mandatory for all learners.

Exceptions will be granted only in cases of verified medical emergencies. Such learners must present a medical report from a recognized hospital prior to, or immediately upon resumption, for consideration by Management.

Dual enrollment/external candidature, viz-a-viz external examinations:

As a law-abiding institution, we partner with the Ministries of Education and Examination Councils to curb sharp practices by candidates before, during and after external examinations.

To this end, learners (other than those in Year 9 and Year 12) who attempt to enroll for external examination (BECE, NECO, WASSCE, etc.) in other centres while maintaining their status as learners at our school, shall be advised to withdraw, from the school as such learners often constitute a distraction not only to themselves but also to other members of the school community.

4. ELECTRONIC GADGETS POLICY

To eliminate distractions and protect academic integrity, the school permits the use of laptops exclusively during examinations, and only under staff supervision.

All other electronic devices, including mobile phones, tablets, earbuds, and smart watches, are classified as contraband. Any such item found in a learner's possession will be confiscated and may be released to parents/guardians at the END OF THE SESSION on such terms as Management may determine.

5. PERFUMES & COSMETICS POLICY

In line with our grooming and discipline standards, the use and possession of perfumes, body sprays, make-up, and other cosmetics by learners is strictly prohibited on school

premises. Such items when found will be confiscated by Management and shall not be returned.

6. ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Great Faith International School upholds a zero-tolerance policy on bullying in all forms: physical, verbal, social, or cyber. Bullying compromises safety, dignity, and learning, and will be treated as a serious disciplinary matter.

Consequences may include suspension or immediate withdrawal of a learner found culpable, following a due investigation. We urge all parents and guardians to reinforce, at home, the values of respect, empathy, and responsible conduct.

7. FEES & PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment of school fees is expected before or on resumption day, particularly for learners in the boarding facility. Where full payment is not possible, parents/guardians must meet with Management prior to resumption to agree on a formal payment plan. To protect the welfare of all learners and the smooth running of the school, Management will no longer accommodate outstanding balances carried over without prior written agreement.

8. NO CASH POLICY

In order to ensure the safety of our learners, as well as financial responsibility, learners are not permitted to bring cash or valuable items to school. The school will not be liable for any loss or damage to money or personal valuables.

All payments for books, school uniforms, and other school-related activities must be made only through the designated school payment channels. We appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing this policy at home.

9. CONDUCT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Learners are expected to uphold the reputation and prestige of the school at all times, including while in transit.

It is therefore strictly prohibited for learners to roam neighbouring streets in school uniform or to purchase items from roadside kiosks and vendors during school hours or while in uniform. This policy is in place to safeguard our learners, ensure proper supervision, and maintain the integrity of our school identity in the community.

Any breach of this policy will attract appropriate disciplinary action in line with the school's Code of Conduct.

OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES

10. RESUMPTION FOR THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION

Boarding learners are expected to resume on Sunday, September 13, 2026, between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Day learners will resume on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:20 am

To ensure a smooth start, we kindly request that all boarding learners arrive with all required boarding items as outlined in the checklist provided by the school.

11. NEW BOARDING FACILITY

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of a new boarding facility, which will be operational from January 2027.

This development reflects our ongoing commitment to providing our learners with a safe, comfortable, and home-like boarding experience. The new facility has been designed to foster independence, promote improved study habits, and build resilience in an environment that mirrors the values we uphold at GFIS.

12. FEES ADJUSTMENT

Following a careful review of rising operational costs, including utilities and learning resources, a modest fee adjustment has been made and will take effect from the 2026/2027 academic session.

Our commitment to delivering quality and real value to every learner remains unchanged. Hence, we appeal to you to bear with us during this period as we trust God for better days.

We are confident that you share our belief that discipline in both appearance and conduct is foundational to scholarship and to the future well-being of our children.

We prioritise your trust partnership; and wish all our learners an outstanding 2026/2027 academic session.

Warm regards,

Great Faith International School Management Team