



Dear Parent or Caregiver,

What Are Thinking Tools?

Every child is born with a “toolbox” in their brain. These are natural, built-in ways of thinking — like comparing, sorting, organizing, and connecting ideas. In school, we teach children **how to use and manage these tools** to make learning easier, faster, and more meaningful.

Think of it like teaching your child how to ride a bicycle — the ability was there, they just needed guidance and practice to make it work smoothly.

Why It Matters

- **Confidence in Learning:** Children stop feeling “stuck” in class because they know how to start thinking through problems.
- **Better Results:** They begin to see patterns, connect ideas, and find solutions — skills that help in every subject, especially in mathematics.
- **Independent Thinkers:** Instead of waiting for answers, children learn to figure things out for themselves — a skill they’ll carry through school and life.

Support with so-called learning subjects

In addition to maths, we also provide support for other subjects, including languages and learning subjects. Using the same Thinking Tools approach, we help your child organize information, make connections, and understand concepts more clearly. This not only improves test and exam performance but also builds confidence and independent learning skills that benefit them across the curriculum.

This happens on a WhatsApp group where you and your child will be. Your child will regularly post work being learned the Thinking Tools way for us to evaluate and for you to measure progress.

What about maths

If your child needs extra support in maths, we offer **Thinking Tools “Figure-Out” Maths classes** for just **R350 per month**, which includes **four engaging lessons**. These are not typical extra classes where children memorize steps; instead, they learn how to **figure maths out for themselves**. By using their natural thinking tools, they start to see patterns, understand concepts deeply, and build the confidence to tackle even tricky problems.

Warm regards,

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