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POLICY ON MAINSTREAMING

Shelanti's policy entails notifying a parent as soon as the learner is ready to mainstream. This notification will be given during your parent/teacher meetings.

As a parent wanting to mainstream one's child, the following procedure needs to be followed:

- * Notify the school in writing of your intention to mainstream your child
- * This notification needs to be given 6 months in advance (end of the second term)
- * Make an appointment with your child's HOD and class teacher to discuss this possibility
- * The staff will then support mainstreaming your child or advise against it
- * Shelanti will be able to recommend a school that will be supportive of the learners' specific needs and best suited to the personality of the child

If the decision is supported by the school the following documentation will be provided:

- The learners' Individual Support plan, (ISP) in which the barriers to learning are listed with the intervention needed to support these barriers
- This document will also give clear guidelines of the support structure needed in a mainstream school
- Concessions will be mentioned
- A referral letter

Shelanti will then:

- Discuss the concession needed with prospective schools to make sure that they have the infrastructure to support the concessions e.g. laptops/ scribes/ readers/ I pads/ I pods.
- Visit the schools and train the staff to ensure a smooth transition

If your decision is not supported by the school and you are advised against it, but you proceed, you do so at the risk of your child's emotional and academic well-being.

