



Parent Information / FAQ

Welcome to Manners4Minors! Here you will learn more about Manners4Minors and how to use the Manners4Minors App.

What is Manners4Minors? MANNERS4MINORS is a fun, interactive way of introducing young children to the benefits of behaving and using manners that are universally accepted. **Miss Manners** and her puppets will show them that behaving in a particular way will ensure that you are liked by your teachers and accepted by your friends. Manners4Minors children will have a better chance in life because a well-mannered child that becomes a well-mannered adult has an enormous advantage over his peers.

When are the Lessons? Lessons are held in the classroom on THURSDAYS and run for approximately 30 minutes.

- **Monkey Class:** 8:30am
- **Puppies Class:** 9:05am
- **Starfish Class:** 9:40am

Why does my child need these lessons – She knows how to say please and thank-you!? Manners4Minors teaches much, MUCH more than just manners. (“Please and Thank You” is ONE lesson out of the 80+ that we offer!). We teach kindness, respect, self-esteem, compassion, consideration, willingness to please, empathy and conscience. Although manners should be taught at home (and always was in the past), our lifestyles now differ dramatically from how we were raised as children (single parent families, two working parents, technological isolation, etc.). Our children spend more time than ever out of the home and away from their families. They are more technologically savvy than we ever were, but much less socially aware. Over time our lifestyles have changed and the environments where these skills were once handed over quite naturally has, in general, diminished. Manners4Minors aims to fill that gap – by showing your children how to make the emotionally intelligent choice.

Why do the lessons have such an impact? Miss Manners gives fun and interactive lessons. The overall objective for each lesson is to demonstrate to the children what reaction they can expect when they use the good life skill being presented- and the reaction they can expect when they don’t! By being well informed and educated, the children develop a clear understanding of the choice they have, and the consequence if they make the wrong choice. This is achieved through the use of our four famous puppet characters. Miss Manners doesn’t say “don’t BOAST or BRAG”... she shows them what BRAGGING feels like. This is the ultimate success of the program: Attaching FEELING to INFORMATION and empowering the children to make the best decision. The most common words spoken by a Miss Manners are “...and, how does that make us feel?”

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Communication with Miss Manners: Emails are sent to parents sharing the topic of the week to ensure reinforcement/communication and various resources are shared. Miss Manners is always open to communication from the parents. This year we are trying a new initiative whereby we can WhatsApp the weekly reports to the parents. If you would like me to do this (with a broadcast message), please send me your details via a WhatsApp message on 083 286 2515.

How does the Classroom Star Chart work? There is a chart in every classroom. Each week the children earn either 1, 2 or 3 stars. (1=Keep Trying; 2=Nice going; 3=Well Done!). They will receive a corresponding sticker/stamp each week and will also receive a M-I-A (manners-in-action) "money" note. The children LOVE to count up their money and they are really inspired to work hard to earn their M-I-A. Each term the children will have a card on which they will stick their stickers. Please keep an eye out for these cards and talk to your children about why they earned the stickers that they did.

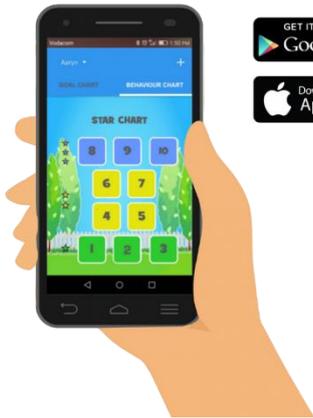


What happens to the M-I-A? The notes are kept in an envelope by the children which encourages responsibility and accountability. Once a term (usually the last week of term) Miss Manners will bring a "shop" to school. The children can then "spend" their money on small treats. This is VERY exciting for the everyone!



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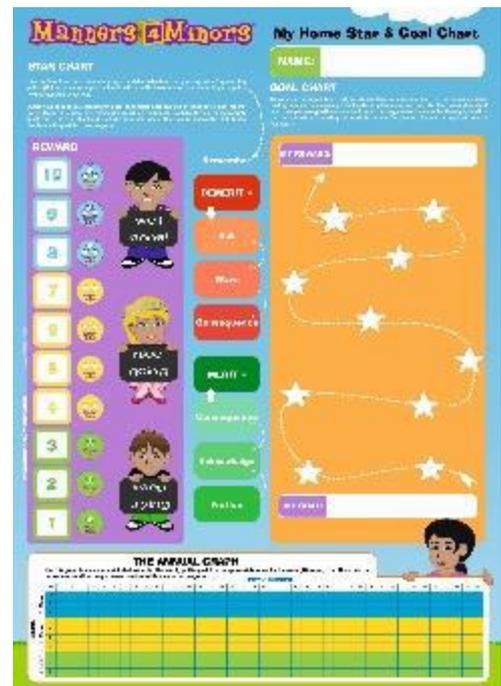
The Manners4Minors App: You are more than welcome to download the Manners4Minors App from either the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. A registration code can be bought directly from the Manners4Minors website. The code will be valid until the 31st December 2017. The App can be used in conjunction with our Home Merit System Chart or can be used as a stand-alone - giving parents the ultimate power in their pockets when out and about. Miss Manners loves any communication from the parents. You are welcome to send me a text message on a Wednesday morning to tell me that Sally or Johnny only earned 1 star and I will have a quiet chat with your child either before or after the class.

What is the Registration Pack? The registration pack is not compulsory for Rondebosch United Children. However, should you wish to use the Home Merit Chart, you can purchase it from me at a cost of R120.

The 2017 registration kits consist of the following:

- 1 x Home Merit Chart
- 3 x Sheets of stickers (1, 2 and 3 star stickers)
- 1 x Voucher giving access to Manners4Minors App – Power in your Pocket!
- Access to loads of online resources.

For instructions on how to use the chart please watch [this video](#).



Finally, best of luck for the 2017 year – I look forward to getting to know your children over the year and I can't wait to see how they grow and develop!

Kind Regards

“Miss Manners”



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