

## **MEMORANDUM**

02.10.17

## Re: Policy on Religious Celebrations at Little Scholars Academy

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following our last PTA meeting we discussed the inclusion of certain aspects of popular Christmas celebration into our school environment. After careful consideration and discussion by our Board of Directors it has been decided that we will not use Christmas trees or associated decor on our school compound.

In the spirit of Christian love, tolerance and acceptance our school is inclusive and respectful of all faiths, Rastafarian, Jewish, Seventh Day Adventists etc who may not wish to associate with the symbols of the Christmas ritual. We accept the beliefs and decisions of all who wish to celebrate Christmas in various ways and we particularly ask that you do this at home as we will not be able to accommodate it at LSA. This policy extends to any other popular celebrations not originating from the Bible.

While we are Christians we do not celebrate Christmas as we believe holy festivities dedicated to God must be linked to Bible principle. Christmas is not found to be celebrated in the Bible. Additional research shows Christ was not born in December however it is historically proven that a non-Christian celebration held in December has been adopted by many denominations and used as a celebration of Christ's birth. We decline to participate in this as we feel it is goes against our mandate to keep our worship pure and free of false religion.



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We have many activities planned for our children and we are sure they will enjoy these tremendously. We look forward to your usual cooperation and participation as we forge ahead in their education.

Best regards,

Tamika Clough (Mrs)

Principal Director

Little Scholars Academy, Stony Hill.