

A TYPICAL DAY AT CHADDY MISSION SCHOOL

Chaddy Mission School is located in Nakuru County in an area known as Mwariki. The people living there are underprivileged, hence the importance of Chaddy Mission School as it provides access to education.

The school was founded on 5th January 2011 by Geoffrey Mbugua, who is also the current Director. It started with a population of 10 students, all aged four. Chaddy Mission School has grown tremendously, and now has a population of 255 students between the ages of four and 16.

There are 10 classes in total, plus a hall, administration block, a kitchen and toilets. The buildings are made from brick, but some are made from iron sheets.

In addition to lessons, students engage in co-curricular activities such as ball games, athletics, music festivals, and dancing.

Students are placed in classes according to age:

- Play Group: 4 years old
- Pre Primary 1: 5 years old
- Pre Primary 2: 6 years old
- Grade 1: 7 years old
- Grade 2: 8 years old
- Grade 3: 9 years old
- Grade 4: 10 years old
- Grade 5: 11 years old
- Grade 6: 12 years old
- Grade 7: 13 years old
- Grade 8: 14-16 years old

Though these are the recommended ages, you might find that some students are older due to late admissions.

Below is a typical day at Chaddy Mission School:

6am: Arrival of Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. They take their remedial classes before the commencement of the main lessons.

7am: Arrival of Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 students for their remedial classes.

7:30am: Arrival of Play Group, PP1 and PP2 students.

7:50am-8:20am: Bell rings for assembly. On Mondays and Fridays it's time to hoist the flag, but on other days assembly is used to brief the students on what is expected of them on that particular day. They also sing and pray, and their appearance is checked.

8:20am-9:20am: Lessons commence. Two lessons are taught, each taking forty minutes. They might be different subjects or a similar subject.

9:20am-9:50am: Students go for a short break. They engage in various games while some chat and enjoy the morning sunshine.

9:50am-11:20am: Three lessons are taught, each taking forty minutes. The Ministry of Education requires completion of the syllabus at the end of each academic year.

11:20am-11:40am: Students go for a short break. Porridge is served, after which they engage in games and chatting.

11:40am-12:40pm: Two lessons are taught. It's almost lunch time, so sometimes concentration levels are low, but the teachers ensure the students stay focused.

12:40pm-2:00pm: It's lunchtime. Lunch is served at school. After lunch, the students engage in games, whilst some decide to just sit and relax as they wait for the afternoon lessons.

2:00pm-3:20pm: Afternoon lessons. Sometimes the lessons are challenging for the teachers, as many students doze off due to the afternoon heat.

3:20pm-3:45pm: Students break for games. It's time to engage in physical exercise!

4:00pm: Play group, PP1 and PP2 classes head home.

4:00pm-5:00pm: Remedial classes for Grades 4-8.

5:00pm: Grades 4-8 head for home.

All students are assigned homework, which they are expected to finish at home and submit the following day. Before heading home, every class has to say a prayer, thanking God for the successful day.