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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Westlands Primary School is a public learning institution committed to providing quality education to learners. It is in the Westlands area of Nairobi, Kenya.

I learned about Westlands Primary through my own research and frequent encounters with it, as it is close to home. The familiarity, combined with my findings about its impacts, led me to choose it for my service-based learning experience. Volunteering at the school would give me invaluable experience while fulfilling my passion for nurturing and shaping young minds, leaving a meaningful impact on their development.

To secure the volunteering position, I visited the school in person where I met with the school Deputy principal and the senior teacher and expressed my interest in assisting in school activities. Later, I received a call informing me that I had been allowed to complete my community attachment there and was invited for an oral Interview with the school’s Principal. I met with the principal and presented the Service-based introductory letter provided by Strathmore School of Computing and Engineering Sciences and after a review of my application and a short interview, I was officially approved.

The position was voluntary and unpaid. I was to work from Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm aligning with the school hours, which would amount to a total of 225 hours. My role encompassed supporting classroom management and engagement with students, a role that demanded professionalism, punctuality, commitment and compliance with the school’s policies from me.

Tasks I was expected to do:

* Assisting teachers with classroom activities.
* Supporting extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports.
* Supporting subordinate staff.
* Helping students with their learning materials.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Westlands Primary School is an ordinary public educational institution under the management of the Central Government/DEB. It offers both day and boarding school options for boys and girls, fostering a co-educational environment. The school follows the Competence-based curriculum (CBC) structure that includes, 2 years of pre-school, 6 years of primary education and 3 years of junior secondary education for primary schools.

The school is situated at Fenesi Gardens, 22 School Ln, Nairobi. Westlands Primary School has an enrolment of approximately 1160 students, with a student-teacher ratio of 27:1. The official schooling hours at Westlands Primary are designed to provide a learning environment that fosters the holistic development of the students. Class hours are from 8 am to 3:30 pm while time for games and clubs is from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm, ensuring a balance of academic excellence with extracurricular activities.

The school is Led by the Principal, Mr Kennedy Kyeva, alongside the Deputy Principal Ms Hellen Nchebere.

With its commitment to quality education, discipline and skill-based learning, Westlands primary ensures that the students are well rounded and prepared for the dynamic demands of the future.