



Dear Parent

Since official statistics were launched in 1994, over 1000 children are reported missing each year in our country and over 10% of these are never found.

In an effort to improve child safety and security in and around our communities Child Trace has launched the Child identification Initiative. Child Trace is a non profit organisation started by a group of concerned parents.

The Child Identification Initiative is an electronic platform that allows for the enrolment and subsequent identification of children under the age of sixteen utilizing Iris Recognition Technology. IRT is used to identify individuals by photographing the iris of the eye. It has become popular in security applications because of its ease of use, accuracy, non invasiveness, reliability and stability over an individual's lifetime.

To deliver on this project, Child Trace has partnered with Tr8 Technologies which specialises in end to end deployment of iris recognition solutions.

Enrolment on the CIDI involves the photographing of the iris. The iris is then converted into a template before being enrolled onto a secure CIDI database. As part of the enrolment process, contact details of the parents/guardians of the minor child together with the name of the minor child will be enrolled onto the system.

For private and security reasons, the database is only accessible by and interfaced with local and international law enforcement agencies, community safety agencies, child protection services and other relevant organizations only for purposes of identifying and authenticating a suspected lost or missing child.

In the event of a missing child being found, the eye is simply scanned and compared with information on the CIDI database. If the child is in the system the parents/ guardians will immediately be notified via SMS notification and other means of communication of the present whereabouts of their child. This process takes under 5 seconds. The expectation is that the alerted parents/ guardians will take immediate steps to be reunited with their child or provide info to clear a security alert.

In a case where the child is not in the CIDI system, the South African Police Services will immediately be notified and appropriate steps will be taken to safeguard the child.

We believe CIDI provides the most reliable tool to assist in combating the problem of lost, missing children and child trafficking.

Enrolment:

To cover the costs of operating this unique platform Tr8 Technologies will charge a once off fee of R175.00 per child. Tr8 Technologies has generously committed themselves as part of their social responsibility program to donate 15% of the enrolment fee to Child Trace to assist in the day to day running costs. They will donate an additional 15% to other organisations involved in child safety.

To get your child enrolled:

1. Complete the enrolment form attached
2. Make payment of the fee of R175.00 via EFT of bank deposit
3. Attach proof of payment to enrolment form
4. Documents to be returned to the school in the **I LOVE CIDI** envelope provided only on the day of enrolment.
5. After a period of one week an appointment will be made with the school for a suitable enrolment date.
6. All data on the enrolment form will be captured as well as the iris of the child, this will take no more than 3 minutes per child per enrolment
7. On enrolment the children will receive a confirmation of registration and a CIDI goodie bag.

We believe with the Child Identification Initiative, we are providing parents with a state of the art platform that enables them to contribute to making this a safer world for our children.

Should you have further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us on:

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Sincerely

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