

Minister Seninde warns against pampering children

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State minister for primary education Rosemary Senninde has cautioned parents against pampering their children.

She said many parents unknowingly spoil their children by showing them excess love.

Officiating during the silver jubilee celebrations at Good Times Infant School Kawaala, Kasubi in Rubaga division in kampala on Sunday, the minister said parents had a duty to love and discipline their children in equal measure.

Seninde castigated parents who backbite teachers before children, buy expensive goodies for them, in addition to taking young girls to salons for hair styling and makeup.

"You find a 12-year-olds wearing makeup, ear rings and luxurious hair styles. The girl then looks like an 18-year-old. Such children tempt bodaboda riders and teachers who end up defiling them," she said.



Seninde talking to Mpagi during the function on Sunday

Senninde, a mother and the District woman MP for Wakiso, said parents should show their children the way of the light and not darkness. She appealed to parents to utilise

the second term holidays to talk to and pray for their children.

"Let our children learn to wash dishes and do other household chores," she advised, adding that

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parents should lead by example.

"Let children know they have no share of their parents' wealth, but instead have to study to accumulate their own wealth in future. If parents want to provide their children with land, buildings or any assets, let them

be included in the parents' Will. Why let them know how well you have planned for their future while they are still in primary school?"

Robinson Nsumba Lyazi, the commissioner in charge of private schools and institutions in the education ministry, advised parents to work towards achieving a holistic education for their children, which allows all pillars of education to be inculcated into the child.

He said such pillars include allowing the child to acquire knowledge, learn how to put into practice what they have been taught, while at the same time being able to build other people.

The celebrations kicked off with a thanksgiving service led by retired Anglican Bishop of Central Buganda Dr. George William Ssenabulya.

Guests, who included parents, educationists and local leaders, were entertained by pupils who recited poems, performed traditional and creative dances and folk songs, among others.

Good Times was established in 1992 by Ronald Mpagi.