

A GENTLE REMINDER TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN COMMUTING BY PRIVATE VANS/TRANSPORT

Dear Parents,

In our constant endeavor to ensure safety of our students, we request you to use only safe and legal means of transportation for your children. **Preferably wherever possible, use school buses only as they are safer and secure in comparison to the Private Vans/Cabs and other means of transportation.**

Parents who have opted for Private Vans/Cabs for their ward's transportation were provided with the guidelines of Supreme Court and Directorate of Education regarding safe and secure transportation of children as listed below:

1. Ensure the cab/taxi/van is registered with the Transport Department under the School Cab Scheme of the Private Motor Registration Act.
2. To ensure safety of children, the vehicle registered under the scheme should be equipped with the safety features including Speed Governors, GPRS Devices, Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Box.
3. Ensure that there is a lady attendant in the van in the morning as well as in the afternoon.
4. Keep a regular check that the Van driver is not driving negligently or indulging in rash driving.
5. Ensure that driver adheres to the school timings.
6. Ensure that van/cab is not overloaded (Maximum 6-7 students are permitted to ferry)
7. Ensure Yellow Strip mentioning "SCHOOL CAB" is there on the Private Van.
8. Ensure that the Van driver has Pollution Control, Fitness, Registration, Insurance papers ready available with him.
9. Ensure driver is in Proper Uniform.
10. Ensure CNG Fitness Certificate for Vans/Cabs and that the children do not sit on top of the CNG Cylinders while travelling.
11. In case of any change in the duty of driver or Vehicle, the same must be informed to the school through authorization letter.
12. Please provide vehicle registration number, License details, identity card and the latest police verification report of the driver/conductor/helper to the school through class teacher.
13. List of students travelling to and fro along with their complete details duly attested by the parents.

On 16 Sep, 2019, the school conducted a random check in order to check the compliances met by the Private Vans / Cabs. It was noted that most of the Van drivers did not have complete documents as stated above. Also, they did not comply with the following:

- Not equipped with the safety features including Speed Governors, GPRS Devices, Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Box.
- No lady attendant was present in the van.
- Regular monitoring to ensure negligent /rash driving. Parents to travel on rotational basis to ensure the same.
- Yellow Strip mentioning "SCHOOL CAB", was not seen on any of the vehicles.
- List of students travelling in the Vans was not available with any of the drivers.

It may be noted that the details of Private Vans / Cabs ferrying school children is to be forwarded to ARTO, G B Nagar by the school. In view of the above you are required to be more vigilant while engaging Private Van/Cabs for transportation of your children. Also, the Transport Officer has been asked to confiscate Vans, if found, not complying to the norms.

In case you wish to switch to school bus, you may submit an application to the school and school will make best effort to accommodate your request as per the Rules and feasibility of running transport to the desired area.

It goes without saying that the school cannot achieve desired safety parameters without the active participation and support of the parents hence we seek your cooperation in providing a safe environment to children.

Safety of our children is our priority and collective responsibility. Let us handhold and provide a safe and secure environment to our children.



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