



SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN TRAVELLING BY PRIVATE VANS

Dear Parents,

The school makes all possible provisions in order to ensure that the safety and well-being of all the children attending school is not compromised. Our transport system is well-organized, and with the unwavering support of our parents, we are successfully operating 26 Senior Routes and 6 Pre-Primary Routes this session. We make every effort to accommodate parents' requests and provide school transport to as many students as possible.

However, some parents have arranged for Private Vans as the means of ferrying their wards to and from school. The school authorities have observed certain incidents involving these private vans that require the immediate attention of parents:

- ❖ Private Vans, usually transport more students than their capacity, resulting in overcrowding and thereby endangering the life of innocent children.
- ❖ Some Private Vans do not have any speed governors and indulge in rash driving, hence violate traffic signals and rules.
- ❖ Children are often made to sit in the boot, next to highly inflammable CNG cylinders, putting the students' life at risks.
- ❖ Many a times the Private Van owners send someone else to collect the children from school on their behalf and then argue with the school authorities to handover the children to the concerned person. It may be noted that the school will ONLY handover the children to the Van Owner whose credentials have been submitted by the parents in the form of the Declaration cum Undertaking. Parents are requested to guide the owners of hired cabs accordingly.
- ❖ **It has also been noted by the security officer and other authorities that the Van Drivers leave children on the road during the morning hours and children are seen running into the school premises unguarded. This may lead to a serious accident if NOT curbed immediately. Parents to note that entry of Van users will be permitted only between 07.40 a.m. and 07.50 a.m. for the Sr School students and between 08.40 and 08.50 a.m. for the Pre Primary students. Kindly inform the Van Operators to adhere to the timings.**
- ❖ There have been reports of van drivers using inappropriate language in the presence of children, which may influence the children to adopt and use such language with others.
- ❖ It is mandatory for the Van Drivers to have a record of all the students travelling in their respective vans. However, they have failed to provide these records during surprise checks conducted by the school staff.

It is requested that parents go through the safety guidelines, issued by the school from time to time, to be followed by the children travelling to school by Private Vans.

- ❖ Ensure the Cab / Taxi / Van is registered with the Transport Department under the School Cab Scheme of the Private Motor Registration Act.
- ❖ To ensure the safety of children, the vehicle registered under the scheme should be equipped with safety features including Speed Governors, GPRS Devices, Fire Extinguisher and a First Aid Box.
- ❖ As an additional safety measure, it is mandatory for the van operators to maintain a record of all the school children being ferried, classwise along with details of parents like phone numbers. (The importance of this is that this data can be shared with the Police for quick action in case of an emergency to ensure safety of a child).
- ❖ Parents hiring such transport for their wards should also know the details of the owner and driver (Residential address / Police verification details of the driver/ Mobile Nos (Personal & Residential) both.
- ❖ Parents are to ensure that the Vans ferrying their wards have proper fitness and registration papers. The antecedents of the driver must be known to the parents.

IT IS DESIRED BY THE SCHOOL THAT THE PARENTS TRAVEL IN THE VANS ON ROTATION BASIS TO ENSURE THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED POINTS ARE FOLLOWED RELIGIOUSLY BY THE PRIVATE VAN OPERATORS.

Together, we can inspire and educate our young minds to stay vigilant and protected at all times.

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