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Dear Parent,

Greetings of the Day!

As you are aware that our school has pioneered the "School Monitored Safe Transport System" among all the Indian schools in Oman and has successfully implemented the same on 4th August 2015. We now seek your whole – hearted support once again for the effective use of this very vital facility provided by the school for your ward.

In an attempt to strengthen the Safe Transport System, this year onwards, the school has appointed a few teachers as Transport Facilitators, who have taken up the charge of monitoring the safety of the students using this facility by systematically following the norms and guidelines set by the ROP and Ministry of Education. The safety features like IVMS, Seat belts, Camera, Trained Attenders, Automatic doors and limited number of students as per the seating capacity are the highlights of the system. An active WhatsApp group by route is supported and well accepted by the safe transport engaged parents.

From the CBSE/AFF/Circular-8/2017/1217401 dated 23 February 2017, (which can be viewed fully in the CBSE web site) also emphasizes on the safety of school children in the school bus.

The circular not only urges the parents to be equally responsible for the safety of their children while commuting to and from school and to avoid using transport services not having valid license or permit to carry school children but also instructed various other rules to be followed by all concerned. A few of the important points from the CBSE circular are given below:

a) Each School should designate one Transport Manager who will be entrusted with the responsibility to ensure the safety of school children travelling by school bus.

b) Schools shall not own or hire any transport service which does not have valid permit.

c) There should be valid insurance for the school bus as well as passengers in the bus.

d) Physical fitness of the driver including eye testing shall be made every year.

e) Provision shall be made by the school authorities for at least one well trained attendant in each school bus to ensure the safe travel of children and to render adequate assistance for safe boarding and de - boarding.

f) Periodical fitness certificate regarding road worthiness of the bus shall be obtained.

g) Any school authority and / or the driver of the school bus found to have violated the rules must be penalized.

h) In case of hired school buses, the school authorities shall enter into a 'valid agreement' with the owner/ transporter of the school bus and the driver of the school bus shall carry a copy of such agreement.

i) The record having details of the students ferried indicating the name, class, residential address, blood group, points of stoppage, route plan should always be kept in readiness with the bus conductor inside the school bus.

j) The school bus drivers are restricted to use mobile phone while driving the school bus and are restricted to have interactions with the students and bus staff beyond a limit.

k) Periodic feedback from school children using school Transport facility with regard to driver/ conductor be taken and records to be maintained.

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l) Parents must ensure that the mode of transport arranged by the school authorities or by themselves is absolutely safe for children.
m) They should note down the violations committed by the driver and other staff of the school buses and immediately report to the school authorities or the concerned authority.
n) Parents must participate in PTA meetings and discuss the safety aspects of their children.
o) Parents must play the role of a vigilant observer on this sensitive subject.

As a responsible institution, we are committed to the safety of our children which is our prime concern and we appeal to you to join us in this effort in creating a safe environment for our children. Hence, we request you to kindly enroll your ward for the School Monitored Safe Transport System for the best interest of our children.

Thanks & Regards,

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Principal