

Dear Parents,

Delhi has over 8.8 million cars – a figure that is equal to the combined vehicle populations of Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata. And according to a study conducted by Automotive Electronics in 2017, this motor transport contributes towards 14-20% of its air pollution. Within this number, two-wheelers and four-wheelers provide for a combined total of 95% with a share of air pollutants equaling 24.8% (lesser only that light/heavy trucks).

As 2019 draws to a close, such figures have only worsened. Vehicle estimates have gone up to 1 crore in the Delhi region. Weather patterns, as was abundantly visible, have begun to change drastically and human health has steadily deteriorated. To cite a study by the World Health Organization, 9 in 10 persons breathe air containing high levels of pollutants and an alarming figure of 7 million die due to ensuing health problems.

In wake of such a scenario, it becomes imperative to take effective and immediate action. To echo the words of Greta Thunberg, a 16 year old climate activist from Sweden, *“I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic...I want you to act like your house is on fire, because it is.”*

In lieu of this sentiment, and the recognition of moral responsibility towards the students we train to become global citizens of the future, we urge all parents to make their children commute on the school buses. While this may not be the most convenient method of travel initially, the school firmly believes that such small initiatives can pave the way for future change, and teach an important lesson to the students as well. For those living near the school premises, we encourage green methods of travel such as cycling or walking. In case such a shift is not possible at all, we recommend car pools and usage of smaller (instead of larger) cars to drive students to school.

“Will you recognize the necessity of the enormous task which must start now, or will you say nothing, do nothing?” Greta asked some of the most influential leaders in the world. Today it is important that we ask ourselves that very same question. “Will we recognize the necessity of the enormous task we must start now, or will we say nothing, do nothing?” The decision is ours to make, and our children’s to bear.

Thank you.

Please note – Willing parents may contact the school administration for using school bus for transportation of their wards.

Parents are also requested to intimate any changes made in the mode of transportation in view of above appeal.