

SANSKRITI SCHOOL Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Marg New Delhi

Subject: -Safe transportation of School children

Dear Parent.

It is a matter of great concern that despite the school's reservations about the use of private vans (often illegal cabs) for ferrying children to school, many children still continue to use these for commuting. A circular regarding the same has been issued by the **Directorate of Education No. NO.PS/DE/2018/506 dated 26/12/2018**(copy enclosed), stating the following

"It is to bring to the notice of the Principals/HoSs of all Private Unaided Schools that the concerned school administration shall be held responsible for non-compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions by the school vans/cabs being used to ferry students of their schools, especially in cases where such school vans/cabs (owned by schools or hired by parents) met with accidents resulting into injury/death of the school children. The necessary action under DSEAR 1973 shall also be taken against the defaulting schools in case such unfortunate accident happens."

In light of the above and rising cases of accidents involving private cabs/vans, it becomes imperative for School to again urge you to begin using the much safer option of the school bus as compared to private cabs/vans for commuting to school. The school bus is an environment-friendly and safe option whereas many of the vans are plying illegally in Delhi without requisite sanctions and papers.

In case, at present there is no School bus from your area, please do contact the transport department of School to find possibility of modification of existing routes or creating a new School bus route (if feasible). If there is no alternative to using the van for you, please furnish the following details to Transport Department of School via Email to transport@sanskritischool.edu.inor Whatsapp - 8700584581latest by 04/01/2019:

- 1. Name and admission number of student/ siblings
- 2. Driver's license, and any other ID
- 3. Police Verification certificate
- 4. The registration Certificate of the vehicle
- 5. Fitness certificate of the driver
- 6. Permit given to the vehicle for the purpose of ferrying school children
- 7. Insurance papers of the vehicle
- 8. No-Pollution Certificate issued by competent authority
- 9. GPS details of the vehicle
- 10. Details of Lady Attendant

In case we do not receive this information by the 7th of January, 2019 school will be forced to take necessary action.

We look forward to your continued support as we take steps to ensure the safety of our children.

Richa Sharma Agnihotri

(Principal)

Format for Submission of information

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Note: Please submit information to transport@sanskritischool.edu.in or Whatsapp - 8700584581 by 04/01/2019.

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CIRCULAR

This is to bring to the notice of Principals/HoSs of all the Private Recognised Unaided Schools functioning within the territory of Delhi that a large number of school vans are operating illegally for ferrying students between their homes and schools without taking adequate safeguards towards safety of school children. It is also known that these vans are primarily hired by the parents of school children. In the past, Delhi Traffic Police and Transport Department have tried to impress upon the concerned school principals to brief parents not to use these school vans/cabs which are not following the norms. However, now it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned by the Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Delhi Police that the Private School Principals have not generally shown any interest in regulating such vans/cabs.

It is to bring to notice of the Principals/HoSs of all Private Recognised Unaided Schools that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has framed guidelines for Safe Transportation of school children. The school administration should ensure that all the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court are adhere to strictly. The plea taken by the school administration that the said school vans/cabs are hired by the parents of children on their own is not acceptable and is also contrary to the spirit of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Delhi Traffic Police and Transport Departments are taking action at their own ends under Motor Vehicle Act 1980 from time to time against such school vans/cabs which are plying illegally and as a result it is informed to the undersigned that a number of such school vans have been impounded.

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Please ensure immediate compliance of the above instructions.

(SANJAY GOEL, IAS)

DIRECTOR (EDUCATION)