

USE OF SCHOOL BUS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

As a caring and responsible institution, we are committed to promoting environmental awareness and education.

We hope to work towards becoming an eco-friendly school where we explore ways to educate our children to be environmentally conscious and live a sustainable lifestyle such as being aware of our resource consumption and reducing unnecessary wastage. Our children will inherit the Earth one day, and we want to ensure that the Earth that we hand over is environmentally sustainable for them to live in. Climate change will be a global issue that our children may likely experience in years to come, and we hope to play our part to reduce our carbon footprints and pollution (both air and noise).

We noted that our students come from different districts of Hong Kong. Most of our Preparatory Years and Primary section students would come to school by the School Bus, while majority of our Secondary section students would travel to school either by the public transport or use the School Bus service.

In our effort to reduce carbon emissions and minimise pollution, we strongly encourage our parents to use the School Bus service instead of relying on the private transport. Alternatively, our older students can take the public transport.

Starting from Academic Year 2020/21, new students joining the school will be required to either use the School Bus service or the public transport when travelling to or from school. For PY1 students joining the school, the School Bus and Public Transport Policy will only come into effect when they progress to PY2 in the following Academic Year. This is intended to allow our youngest children to have a smoother transition to the new school and its surroundings.

The school has appointed Kwoon Chung Motors as our School Bus service operator. Kwoon Chung Motors has been our reliable partner and has provided school bus services to many schools, as well as spanning in many different areas in Hong Kong island, Kowloon and the New Territories. For our school, it is able to serve students coming from many parts of Hong Kong. The bus routes may differ from year to year, depending on the requirements of our students. Parents will be notified in July each year of the tentative bus fee and schedule, and when registration for bus services is open.

The school is well supported by public transport with the Wong Chuk Hang MTR station being less than a 7-minute walk away. There is a range of public bus and mini bus routes serving the school to the different areas of Hong Kong.

We hope that our parents will support the school in the School Bus and Public Transport Policy as an effort to support the movement for environmental sustainability. This is a small way for us to educate and help our children lead a sustainable lifestyle. By so doing, we will

- reduce carbon emission by private transport,
- reduce air pollution near the school as there will be fewer private vehicles plying to the Police School Road and Nam Long Shan Road,
- reduce traffic congestion and noise pollution, and
- enhance the living environment of our neighbours and the residents.

Our parents visiting the school please note that there is no parking in the school. Parking is available at the public car parks nearby. However, we would want to encourage you to use the public transport instead as it is more convenient than finding a nearby public car park lot.

Please support our efforts and do our part together as we reduce our carbon footprints so as to make the World and the Environment a better place for our children and the future generations to come.

SCHOOL BUS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT POLICY FOR NEW STUDENTS
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is it compulsory for all students to take the school bus?

A. Most of our Preparatory Years and Primary section students have already taken the School Bus while majority of Secondary section students would travel either by the public transport or use the School Bus service.

Starting from Academic Year 2020/21, with the guidance and endorsement of the Transport Department, all new students are required to either take the School Bus or the public transport when travelling to or from school.

For new PY1 students, the School Bus and Public Transport Policy will only come into effect when they progress to PY2 in the following Academic Year. This is to allow our youngest children to have an easy transition to the new school and its surroundings.

New students who have siblings at the school, may follow the travel arrangements that had been agreed for their older siblings (i.e. sharing private car drop-off/pick-up). Should the older sibling withdraw from or leave SISHK as a student, the new student would be expected to travel to and from school using the School Bus service or the public transport.

Q. Why is this School Bus and Public Transport Policy being enforced?

A. As a caring and responsible educational institution, we are committed to promoting environmental education.

We hope to work towards becoming an eco-friendly school where we explore ways to educate our children to be environmentally conscious and live a sustainable lifestyle such as being aware of our resource consumption and reducing unnecessary wastage. The School Bus and Public Transport Policy for New Students is a small way for us to educate and help our children lead a sustainable lifestyle. By so doing, we will

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Our parents visiting the school should note that there is no parking in the school. Parking is available at the public car parks nearby. We wish to encourage our parents to use the public transport instead as it is a more sustainable choice and it is also more convenient than finding a nearby public car park lot. Please support our efforts in reducing our carbon footprint and in supporting this environment effort.

Q. Who is the School Bus service provider?

- A. The school has appointed Kwoon Chung Motors as our School Bus service operator. Kwoon Chung Motors has been our reliable partner for many years and it provides School Bus services from different areas in the Kowloon peninsula and all over Hong Kong Island.

Q. Are there other options besides taking the school bus?

- A. The school is well supported by public transport with the Wong Chuk Hang MTR station being less than 10-minute walk away. There is also a range of public bus and mini bus routes connecting the school and the different areas of Hong Kong.

Students who live close to the school may also choose to walk to school or take the public transport.

Q. How does the School ensure that the School Bus and Public Transport Policy is enforced?

- A. Upon accepting the offer of a school place at SISHK, all new parents are required to sign and return the School Bus and Public Transport Scheme Agreement together with the registration fee to successfully reserve a place in the school.

By signing the Agreement, parents and students will need to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement. If students repeatedly miss the School Bus (unless granted an exemption), the School will need to contact with parents to discuss how to improve the situation. If improvements are not made, the enrolment of the student will be jeopardised, subject to the final decision of the School.

Q. Are there any special situations or exceptions in which my child may be exempted from the School Bus and Public Transport Policy?

- A. Exemptions will only be granted under special circumstances subject to the review and final approval of the School. Examples of reasons for exemption may include: new students who have older siblings in SISHK riding in the same private cars, new students who have no School Bus coverage near their homes, children with a mobility problem, and a child who need to be picked up early or brought in late for special circumstances e.g. medical and dental appointments. Under these circumstances, our parents may request for a special pass for the private car to enter the school. New students who have a sibling at SISHK with an existing arrangement in place for private car pick-up/drop-off may carpool and share the same travel arrangements with their siblings. Should the older sibling withdraw from or leave SISHK as a student, the new student would be expected to travel to and from school using the School Bus service or the public transport.

Q. Will parents be permitted to pick-up their children after co-curricular activities?

- A. Our parents can arrange with the School Bus service operator for their children to take the late School Bus home on days they have co-curricular activities (CCA) which finish at 4.30pm.

Students may be also picked up by private car after the CCAs.

Q. Who do I contact if I want more information about the bus routes and bus fare?

A. The bus routes may differ from year to year, depending on the requirements of our students.

Our parents will be notified in July each year of the tentative bus fee and schedule, and when registration for School Bus services is open. Our parents may visit Kwoon Chung Motor's [website](#) for the bus routes and bus fares.

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