

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION SHEET ON SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Dear Parents

Introduction

Currently, the school appoints one or more school bus operators to help parents make transport arrangement for their children. The school will invite proposals from operators registered with the Government Electronic Business Centre (Gebiz) and select the operators who can deliver the services required and have submitted the most competitive prices in term of base fare. Parents will then engage the appointed bus operators to agree on the actual bus fare, taking into account the distance, route and other factors such as the seating capacity of the bus. The contract period is normally about 2-3 years. When the contract expires, the school will go through the procurement process again.

Enhanced Process

2. We have enhanced the process under the MOE School Bus Service Pilot Project which will take effect from January 2020 as follows:

- a. The school will extend the invitation for proposals for bus services to all interested bus operators so as to attract more competitive offers. To achieve this, the school will advertise the invitation at the Information Notice Board for School Bus Services (IBSB) website developed by MOE HQ.
- b. Interested bus operators will be required to submit the 'Not-To-Exceed" (i.e. the maximum) fare for each distance benchmark (i.e. 2km, 4km, 6km and 8km). These fares will help parents negotiate with the appointed school bus operators, if there is a need to do so. The bus fares will not go beyond the NTE during the service period. For students staying beyond the maximum distance range, parents will negotiate fares with the bus operator.
- c. The annual bus fares will be payable over 9 months in a school academic year. The collection months are January, February, March, April, May, July, August,

September and October. There will be no collections for the months of June, November and December. Please refer to the illustration in Appendix A.

d. The school will publish the fares quoted by the appointed bus operators in the IBSB website at <u>https://schadmsvc.moe.gov.sg/moeibsb/</u> for viewing by parents. Parents can also access the IBSB website through the 'Info for School Bus Services' button in MOE Internet Homepage (at <u>http://www.moe.gov.sg/</u>).

School Bus Operator

3. We are pleased to inform you that the school has appointed KAL T & T Services for the period of <u>2</u> years from January 2020 to December 2021 to provide the following services:

- a. Daily School Bus Services (i.e. for sending pupils from home to school and vice versa); and
- b. Bus Services for after school activities (i.e. sending pupils home from school after enrichment programmes, supplementary classes or CCA).

4. Parents who are interested in taking up the school bus services in 2020, please complete the attached request form and forward it to the bus operator or the liaison officer directly.

Name of Bus Operator /Liaison officer: KAL T & T Services / Mr Patrick Tel No/ Hand phone No: 81012700 Email address (if any) : henryparktpt@gmail.com

School Bus Fares

5. Parents may discuss their requirements directly with the bus operators to agree on the actual bus fares based on the 'Not to Exceed' Price.

6. The tables below show the 'Not to Exceed' Prices for both the daily school bus services and services for after school activities:

A. <u>Daily School Bus Services (i.e. for sending pupils from home to school and vice versa)</u>

	Up to 1	Up to 15 seater >15-30 seater		>30 seater		
Distance	1 way	2 way	1 way	2 way	1 way	2 way
Up to 2km	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
>2 – 4km	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$140.00
>4 – 6km	\$210.00	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$240.00

>6 – 8km \$250.00 \$280.00 \$250.00 \$280.00 \$250.00 \$280.00	
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Note: Charges for small buses (15 and below seater type) are generally higher for the host of benefits of mandatory installation of seat belts, one-to-one seating, easier access to pick up points and shorter journey time.

B. <u>Bus Services for after school activities (i.e. sending pupils home from</u> <u>school after enrichment programmes, supplementary classes or CCA)</u> <u>– On Per Trip Basis</u>

Distance	Up to 15 seater	>15-30 seater	>30 seater
Up to 2km	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
>2 – 4km	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
>4 – 6km	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
>6 – 8km	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

7. For students staying beyond the maximum distance range, parents may approach the bus operator directly for negotiation of bus fares.

8. For students staying within the distance range but due to low demands or the fact that there are no buses plying the area, the fare will differ from the published rate. Parents may approach the bus operator for negotiation of bus fares.

9. The published rates do not include rates for students from the school's student care centre Proteach who require after-school care bus services. Parents may approach the bus operator directly for the negotiation of bus fares.

Other Information

- 10. We would like to highlight the following:
 - a. The school bus service is provided for trips to and from the school before and after official school hours as follows:
 - i. Daily school timing (Curriculum time):
 - 7.30am to 1.00pm (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)
 - 7.30am to 1.30pm (Wednesday and Thursday)
 - ii. Latest arrival time in school: 7.00am
 - iii. Latest departure time from school (time which the buses depart from the school):
 - 1.15pm (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)

- 1.45pm (Wednesday and Thursday)
- b. The school bus service is provided for after school activities (i.e. sending pupils home from school after enrichment programmes/supplementary classes or Co-Curricular Activities on specific days and at the specified times below:

Day	Activity	Departure Time from School
	Supplementary classes	
Monday to Friday	Enrichment Programme	4.00pm
	CCAs	

- c. It is the parent's responsibility to pay the monthly bus fare directly to the bus operator by <u>5th day of the month.</u>
- d. The annual bus fares will be collected over 9 months in January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September and October. There will be no collections for the months of June, November and December. School services will still be provided on every school day* in the months of June, November and December.

*School Day refers to all the days that the Ministry of Education determines to be part of the School Term.

e. Parents are advised to take note of the operator's termination clause.

Feedback

11. The school will continue to seek feedback from parents periodically. Parents may also provide feedback directly to the school. The information gathered will help the school in assessing the appointed bus operators' performance and decide whether to renew their contracts or go through the proposal invitation process to appoint new operators.

12. For any feedback concerning the service standards and behaviour of the bus drivers/attendants, parents may contact the school's office at 64663600.

Thank you.

Mr Koh Chin Thong, Martin Principal

Appendix A

This example compares 12-months and 9-months payment schedule based on an annual fare of \$1,080.

Month		12-months	9-1	months
Jan	\$180	Pay Dec fare in advance	\$120	
Feb	\$90		\$120	_
Mar	\$90		\$120	_
Apr	\$90		\$120	Payments are
Мау	\$180	Pay Jun fare in advance	\$120	 spread equally over 9 months
Jun	0		0	
Jul	\$90		\$120	_
Aug	\$90		\$120	_
Sept	\$90		\$120	_
Oct	\$180	Pay Nov fare in advance	\$120	_
Nov	0		0	_
Dec	0		0	_
Total	\$1,080		\$1,080	

Benefits of 9-month payment schedule:

- No advance payment is required for the month of Dec, Jun and Nov.
- Bus fare is paid over 9 equal payments.
- Pay as use basis.