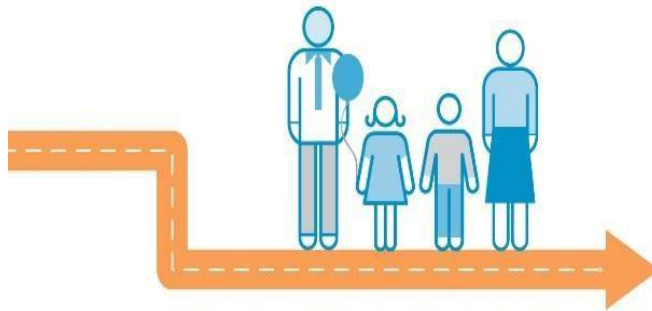


Pakistan Islamia Higher Secondary School Sharjah



Home to School Transport Policy (2024-2025)



A Safe Bus

Starts with Us

Overview

The school is responsible for setting a Home to School Transport policy which ensures the equitable provision of transport to those who qualify under the school's statutory duties and to explain when discretionary transport provision might be available. Here are some recommendations to contribute in the safe and secure pick and drop of the pupils:

- ✓ Transportation department of PIHSS requests the parents / guardians to pick and drop their wards at the specified points on time.
- ✓ The legal responsibility for ensuring a child's attendance at school rests with the child's parent. Generally, parents are expected to make their own arrangements for ensuring that their child travels to and from school.
- ✓ The daily traffic situation in Sharjah must be kept in mind as the school buses cannot wait for the students at pick-up points, otherwise buses may arrive late at the school.
- ✓ Transport arrangements will be made that are considered reasonable and appropriate by the local authority. Equally, such arrangements will be made in the most cost-effective way for the authority.
- ✓ Transport is not usually provided from door-to-door. Children may be required to walk (accompanied by an appropriate adult as necessary) to and from designated pick-up or set-down points.
- ✓ Generally, the driver of school transport vehicles will be the only adult present during journeys.
- ✓ In the interests of safety for everyone using school transport, it is important that pupils behave well while travelling.
- ✓ Regarding the assembly point, the parents must specify the authorized people who will pick-up the child at the fixed drop-off location decided between the parents and the drivers.
- ✓ K.G. students who are using their own transport, should be picked-up by their parents at 11:30am.
- ✓ To prevent any confusion with the students going by the bus and to ensure safety of our students, the school administration devised the below-mentioned policy.
- ✓ In the event of any change, parents must inform the person in charge.

**Questions about the bus arrangements must be directed
to Mr. Mumtaz Akbar
Tel: 050 3606357**

Type of Pupil Behavior that is Unacceptable bus travel:

- Threats of violence
- Verbal abuse
- Racist or unethical language
- Derogatory remarks
- Offensive language
- Rudeness
- Making inflammatory statements
- Raising unsubstantiated allegations
- Any form of physical abuse

Guideline for Parents

For effective implementation of pick-up and drop-off safety procedures, parents are requested to help the school by observing the following:

- Pay full attention to the safety procedures while waiting for the bus at the pick-up and the drop-off location.
- Guide the child not to run near, behind or towards the bus.
- Ask the child to obey and respect the school bus driver.
- Make sure the child comes five minutes early at the pick-up location. Bus driver will wait only for not more than one minute for late children.
- Students frequently late at pick-up point may not be allowed to avail school transport facility.
- Inform your child to follow the bus safety rules strictly.
- Focus on the importance of good behaviour to ensure safety for all.
- Meet your child at the bus door when the bus arrives at the designated location.
- Inform your child not to move towards the bus until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus door is opened

Transport at PIHSS is not Provided for:

- Journeys during the day
- After school activities
- Induction/open day/interview visits
- Medical and dental appointments
- Parent/Carer attendance at school
- Respite Care

- Exchange students

Bus Safety Rules

The school has activated a new GPRS system in the buses to keep track of the bus routes and ensure the safety and security of the students and the staff (who avail school bus services).

- ✓ Students must follow the bus safety rules to ensure a safe, steady, and secure journey to school and back home after school throughout the school year.
- ✓ Fasten seat belt all the time
- ✓ Follow the direction of the bus assistant.
- ✓ Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- ✓ Never move towards the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the bus door is open.
- ✓ Students should cross the road with the assistant from the front of the bus and never behind the bus.
- ✓ Speak in a low voice so that you do not distract the bus driver.
- ✓ Behave in good manners with your bus mates.
- ✓ Bus windows must remain closed at all times.
- ✓ The assistant will assign the seats to each child.
- ✓ Students are not allowed to drop litter on the bus floor or outside through the bus windows.
- ✓ Students should never sit in the driver's seat.

Parental Legal Responsibility

Parents are legally responsible for making sure that their children get to and from school at the appropriate times each day. This includes a parent making appropriate arrangements for their child where the parent has working commitments at the relevant times in the school day

School's Statutory Position

The school bus will not consider an unaccompanied

The school policy states that it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that a child gets to school, including accompanying them, if appropriate. This includes the parent determining how their child will get to school and may include making appropriate arrangements such as with a friend or a childminder to ensure that the child is accompanied

The Council does not consider work commitments as an exceptional circumstance

The policy states that it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school, and this may include making appropriate arrangements. This could include use of a childminder, friend, before school and after school club.

Parents' Responsibility of Child pick-up and drop-off

Parents are responsible for the safety of the child in getting to and from the pickup point, and whilst they are waiting for transport or leaving transport at either end of the day.

Policy Links

This policy can be linked with other school policies that are:

- Well-being Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Behavior Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy