



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

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NOTICE

PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF CLASSES I TO XII CAUTION AGAINST USING ILLEGAL CARPOOL

This is to bring to your urgent notice a serious incident which has come to our notice involving illegal carpool operators. Recently a carpool operator - whose services are availed by parents/guardians of St. Francis Xavier School also - picked up a student from his home but did not drop him to St. Francis International School. The little boy was initially locked up in the car itself and then taken to the home of the driver without the knowledge of the parents. The driver detained the child for almost six hours before dropping him home. All these details got revealed when the mother of the child called the school to make some enquiry regarding other matters.

The incident has totally shaken up the parents. The boy was found to be in distraught and traumatized condition.

This incident highlights the serious problems of illegal carpools which - while being convenient in some way - can prove to be very dangerous for the safety and security of your child.

As such, parents/guardians must become alert. They should only choose those carpool operators whose vehicles have mandatory safety features and who are in compliance with all government and court issued guidelines. Copy of important documents must also be retained by the parents/guardians in case they are needed in any exigency. Following is a checklist :-

- Ensure that the registration of vehicle is as a **Commercial Vehicle**. Retain a copy of the Smart Card of the vehicle.
- Ensure the vehicle has a **valid permit** to operate as carpool for school students. Retain a copy of the permit.
- Check the validity of the **Certificate of Fitness (CF)** issued by motor vehicles department.
- Ensure vehicle is fitted with a **fire extinguisher** and **has a first aid kit**.
- Ensure vehicle is fitted with **CCTV Location Tracking Device (VLTD)** with **panic button**.
- Retain a copy of the **Aadhaar card of Drivers / Escorts**.
- Retain a copy of the **valid driving license** of Driver.

Your alertness and vigilant behavior can go long way in securing the safety and security of your child. If you are looking for a safe alternative, please choose the school bus by contacting the **Bus Manager @ 6290828900**.

BY ORDER



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