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Dear Fellow Parents

Cancellation of School transport service

In September the SGB informed Parents that the cancellation of the school transport service would be postponed pending a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the service – including the financial sustainability thereof – following requests from numerous Parents to reconsider the decision to discontinue the school transport service.

The SGB then followed a detailed assessment of the service – including the reconciliation of income and usage, expenses related to the provision of the service, sustainability of the current fleet and drivers as well as the impact on the school in the provision of the service.

Unfortunately the assessment has taken considerably longer than previously expected and a definitive outcome was only finally achieved at the end of last week.

The assessment has shown that the current school transport service cannot be sustained without a number of major interventions. These are:

- The ticket price would **double** in all cases to enable the service to break **even**;
- Both current busses need to be **replaced** (maintenance has exceeded new bus costs);
- **New drivers** need to be sourced (the current educators can no longer perform this function);
- Usage needs to be **increased** (current usage varies per month and is relatively low).

The SGB also wishes to note that the School Act does not allow for cross-subsidisation of cost items – in other words the school transport service would need to be financially sustainable (self-sufficient).

The financial records (summary) is available should any Parents have queries in this regard.

Thus – given the above points, the SGB has decided to cancel the school bus service from 16 December 2012.

The SGB apologises for the late communication and would like to thank all Parents that have provided input and support to the SGB in the assessment of the school transport service.

Yours Sincerely

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Geagte Ouers

Kanselasie van skool vervoer diens

In September het die beheerliggaam ouers in kennis gestel, dat die kanselasie van die skool vervoer uitgestel sal word, hangende 'n ondersoek deur die beheerliggaam rondom die bus diens, nadat ouers versoek het om voort te gaan met die diens.

Die beheerliggaam het 'n assessering van die diens gedoen op grond van die inkomste, uitgawes, gebruik deur skooliere, die huidige vloot, die bestuurders en die impak op die skool in die voorsiening van die diens.

Ongelukkig het die assessering langer geneem as wat beplan is en finale uitsluitel is eers laat verlede week verkry.

Die assessering het uitgewys, dat die diens nie volgehou kan word sonder sekere radikale ingrypings nie. Hulle is:

- Die kaartjie pryse sal in alle gevalle moet **verdubbel** om die diens finansiëel te laat **gelyk breek**;
- Beide die huidige busse sal **vervang** moet word (instandhouding oorskry nuwe bus koste);
- **Nuwe betuurders** sal teen betaling gevind moet word (die huidige onderwysers kan nie voortgaan om die diens te lewer nie);
- Gebruik van die diens sal moet **verhoog** (huidige gebruik syfers wissel per maand en is relatief laag)

Die beheerliggaam wil ook daarop wys dat die skool wet nie toelaat dat die diens deur skoolfonds subsideer word nie. Die diens moet finansiëel selfstandig wees.

'n Opsomming van die finansiële rekords is beskikbaar, sou ouers navrae hê.

Dus – gegewe die voorgaande punte, het die beheerliggaam besluit om die diens te staak vanaf 16 Desember 2012

Die beheerliggaam vra om verskoning vir die laat kommunikasie en wil graag alle ouers wat gehelp het met insette en ondersteuning in die assessering bedank.

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