



Frances Vorweg School

Transport Newsletter

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Dear parents

It gives me great pleasure to share that the school now has four buses running along different routes providing transport and support to our parents and learners. The basic details are:

Bus Type	Capacity	Driver	Starting Point	Current No Learners	Learners on Waiting List
VW	22 seater	Danie	Alberton	22	
MERCEDES	22 seater	Bafana	Ennerdale	22	
IVECO	22 seater	Phumlani	Orange Farm	22	
AUCOR	2 passenger + 5 wheelchair	Thulani	Eden Park/ Soweto	5+1 Does 3 trips	

Provisioning of Transport

The school will provide transport to learners/parents who applied for a seat on the bus. Currently the buses are full to capacity and we envisage growing the fleet to provide more opportunities for other children who struggle to get to school.



Costs

The following applies to all learners/parents making use of a FVS bus:

- Monthly fees are R450.00. This **will increase to R550,00 from April 2022**, as the running costs will be factored into transport: (such as fuel, traffic flow influence, services, wear & tear, and general maintenance).

On-Bus Rules

- No eating or drinking of any consumables be take place on the bus
- Seat belts or restrictive straps must be worn at all times
- Masks (Covid) are compulsory
- Sanitising of hands upon entry is compulsory
- No friends/family may travel with any learner in the bus
- Learners must remain in their seats at all times
- Learners may have the need to use the toilet on the route. The bus will stop at designated garages where the toilet may be used.
- The drivers are not responsible for the loss or mishandling of any school bags, equipment, uniform or other items brought on to the bus by any learner
- Where possible, an assistant will travel on the bus to provide support for the learners.

Parent responsibility

The parents are responsible to ensure that all children/learners are on time to be picked up at the designated bus stop. Parents must also ensure that they are present to receive their child(ren) when arriving back at the drop-off point. Children who are not fetched/received by the parents for more than 3 occasions will forfeit (lose their seat on the bus – as this is a form of abuse and the school will not be a party to this). Buses may not wait for late learners, but unfortunately, parents must wait for the bus.

Parents may not send sick children to school via the bus as the infection rate cannot be contained and will have an adverse effect upon other children and families.

The bus is a privilege not a right. We as a school do our utmost providing a bus service for learners. Should parents not cooperate or feel the service is not to their advantage, they are welcome to find alternative transport or discuss their concerns with the school in person. The school number to phone is (011) 683-3390.

Waiting List

There are many learners on the waiting lists. Although we have three 22 seater buses, each bus is full and space is occupied. Should you have completed a transport application form, then your child's name is on the waiting list and as soon as a seat becomes available, you will be informed and your child will be able to use the school transport. Please note that ***completing an application form does not imply that transport becomes available immediately.***

Communication

The driver of the designated bus will communicate directly with the parents and will keep the parents informed of times and events should there be any changes to the travelling times or school events where the busses are needed.

In conclusion

All our drivers are professional in conduct and expertise. We ask parents to treat each driver with respect and to show common courtesy at all times to all persons using the bus, both learners and school employees.

Yours faithfully

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