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Date: 23rd January, 2024

Dear Parent,

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness, and prosperity!

In continuation of our earlier communication, regarding the submission of updated documents for school transportation by Private Van/Auto ricksha Operators. We want to inform you about the recent developments.

As you may be aware (Refer to our timely Communications on the subject), the school received a letter from the R.S.P. RTO office in Nov 2023, The RTO office mandated Schools to ensure that all Private Van/ Operators should have the necessary documents in compliance as per RTO regulations.

In response to this, immediate action was taken by the school on 24th Nov 2023 and a letter was promptly issued to all private van operators, requesting them to submit the necessary documents for compliance as per RTO regulations.

To ensure smooth coordination, Private Van Drivers were advised to submit their school vehicle permits, updated student lists and updated RTO complaint documents by 30th Nov 2023. To address any concerns and facilitate the submission process, a meeting with private van drivers was held on 25th Nov 2023, where they were reminded of the importance of adhering to the deadline.

Understanding the challenges faced by some Private Van Operators, the school authorities considered their requests for an extension until 10th Dec 2023. Despite these extensions, it has come to our attention that some private operators have not submitted the required documents. In our final reminder issued on 12th Dec 2023, we emphasized that non-compliance would lead to the school conveying compiled data to RTO officials.

To maintain transparency and collaboration, the School Authorities convened the 2nd Transport Committee meeting on 15th Dec, 2023. This meeting was attended by Mr. Sarade (Traffic Police) and Mr. Kirve (Hadapsar Police). During the meeting, it was collectively decided that a session involving Hadapsar Police, RTO officials, and private van operators must be organized promptly to raise awareness about the importance of compliance.

The highest priority is ensuring the safety of students during transportation, and there can be no concessions when it comes to any safety measures.

In line with this decision, the School Authorities took the initiative to arrange a meeting on 20th Dec 2023. This meeting was held in the presence of Police Inspector, Hadapsar Transport Department Mr. Ulhas Kadam and RTO Official Mr. Anil Sarade to sensitize all stakeholders about the repercussions of non-compliance. The aim was to foster a better understanding of the regulations among private van operators, ensuring a safer and more efficient transportation system for our students.

Further to this, we received a letter from Hadapsar Traffic Department on **23rd Dec, 2023** asking for the immediate submission of RTO documents of all private van operators and update them about the compliance of the norms. Hence we informed all private van operators to once again submit all pending documents by 3rd January, 2024 to avoid any further repercussions. Few of private van operators have submitted their updated documents with us and we have updated their information while reporting to RTO offices. We urge all private van operators to comply with the set guidelines. **Non-compliance could lead to service disruptions/ legal consequences or action from RTO officials.**

School's Role

The school is committed to the safety and well-being of our students, both within the school premises and during their commute. These meetings with RTO officials, Hadapsar Police, and Private van operators underline our dedication to fostering a secure and compliant transportation environment. (transport@amanoraschool.edu.in)

For your child's safety, we strongly encourage you to **use school transportation (which are complaint as per RTO norms) or arrange personal pick-up/drop-off instead of opting for non-compliant vehicles from 10th February, 2024.**

After 10th February,24 we will publish the list of the private van operators who fail to submit the documents and thereafter school will be bound to comply by the rules and regulation laid down by RTO with respect to non-complaint private van operators.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

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