



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

TRAFFIC MATTERS AND ROAD SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

2. This letter reiterates the road safety policies of the school:
 - a. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
 - b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
 - c. Do not sound the horn indiscriminately
 - d. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using pedestrian crossings, and avoiding jaywalking or using a handphone while crossing.
 - e. Remind your child/ward to practise the kerb drill before crossing – “look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly”.
 - f. If your child/ward cycles to school, ensure that he/she knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.
 - g. If your child/ward rides a scooter to school, please ensure he/she does not speed while scooting.
3. We would like to bring your attention to the following traffic and transportation measures that the school has put in place:

Arrival

- a. Parents/guardians are to alight their child/ward at the designated drop-off/pick-up point. Follow the directions as guided by the school staff.
- b. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to prepare your child/ward ready with his/her school belongings such as school bag, lunch bag, pocket money, face mask before he/she leaves home. Let your child/ward has his/her school belongings ready with him/her when the vehicle is approaching the designated drop-off/pick-up point. This will inculcate your child/ward to be more responsible of his/her belongings and to alight from the vehicle as safely as possible while not holding up traffic near the bus-stop.

- c. Parents/Guardians should not make illegal U-turns along the road outside the school after alighting your child/ward. This is against the traffic rule and may pose safety concerns for all road users.

Dismissal

- a. Refrain from parking on both sides of Fidelio Street while waiting for your child/ward. You are strongly encouraged to park your vehicles along Swan Lake Avenue and to pick up your child/ward from the school's canteen gate. *[Please refer to Advisory Note on Parking Regulations outside Opera Estate Primary School]*
 - b. If you do not see your child/ward at the alight/pick-up area, move ahead and wait along Swan Lake Avenue or further down Fidelio Street.
4. During inclement weather, the following arrangement will take place:

Arrival

- a. Parents/guardians can drive into the school to alight their child/ward at the designated drop-off point in the school compound. Follow the directions as guided by the school staff.
- b. For the safety of your child, he/she must alight on the left side of the vehicle (nearest to the building). School staff would be there to direct your child to the assembly area.

Dismissal

- a. To facilitate pupils' boarding the school buses, parents/guardians can drive into the school to pick up their children after all the school buses have left the compound at about 2 p.m. Only on Wednesdays when school dismisses at 12 p.m., you may drive into the school after 12.30 p.m.
5. We would also like to remind parents/guardians to turn off your vehicle engine when you are waiting for your child/ward during dismissal. This is to be in line with the NEA advisory on Idling Vehicle Engine where motorists caught leaving their engine idling for a second or subsequent time may compound the offence by paying a composition sum of \$100. Your cooperation in this measure will achieve better air quality to safeguard public health.
6. Our student population is close to 1000 and many of our students are crossing the road every day. The views of the drivers and the safety of our students are largely compromised with traffic congestion. We sincerely hope that you adhere to the above safety road measures. These will alleviate the traffic situation and ensure safer road condition for all our students and road users. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
7. For the safety of everyone, enforcement action will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules. We thank parents and guardians for being role models to our children.

ADVISORY NOTICE ON PARKING REGULATIONS OUTSIDE OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) has received numerous feedback regarding vehicles parking indiscriminately outside our school. While we understand the need for parents/guardians having to pick up their child/ward, such inconsiderate parking had caused inconveniences, obstructions and dangers to other road users.

2. Under the current Road Traffic Act, any of the above acts constitute to a parking offence. Upon receiving feedback of such occurrences, LTA will take enforcement action against vehicles found parking indiscriminately.

3. For the safety of all road users, we would like to urge all drivers to exercise care and consideration by **not** waiting at these critical areas:

- a. 3 metres within a fire-hydrant;
- b. 6 metres within a junction;
- c. Single white zig-zag line (zebra controlled zone);
- d. Designated parking lot for school buses;
- e. On grass verge and footway; and
- f. At entrances or exits of any other premises.

As a reminder, to further aid you in identifying zebra controlled area, cones will be placed from Lamp-post 24 to the junction of Swan Lake Avenue (Refer to Annex A) during dismissal time. Please do not remove these cones.

4. We would like to strongly encourage you to park your vehicles at the following locations while waiting for your child/ward:

- a. along Swan Lake Avenue;
- b. further up Fidelio Street (after Jalan Khairuddin); or
- c. further down Fidelio Street (after Swan Lake Avenue)

5. Let us continue to play our part to make the road safe for all road users.

On behalf of SPF and LTA


Mdm Lee Lai Png
Principal



Land Transport Authority

Annex A



Start of cones
placed near zebra
controlled area