



Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road) Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

This is a joint letter from the Principals of ACS (Barker Road) and ACS (Primary) concerning road safety issues and the movement of vehicles in the vicinity.

A. Road Safety Issues

1. We would like to stress the importance of road safety for our pupils, and would like to remind you to drive carefully and observe the traffic rules when you are driving to school.
2. As vehicular traffic is especially heavy during the morning and school dismissal hours as well as at dismissal after Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) and Supplementary/Remedial Lessons, we would like to appeal to you to be patient and to observe the following:
 - (a) Reduce your car speed after entering Barker Road;
 - (b) Cars to give way to pupils who are using the pedestrian crossing outside the Transport Centre and the Chancery Lane Activity Area leading to school gate B, as it could pose a danger to our pupils if cars do not give way to them;
 - (c) Not to park illegally and cause unnecessary traffic congestion; and
 - (d) Please note that you are required to wait along the left-most lane of Barker Road (after Caltex Station) if you wish to enter into the Transport Centre when the Transport Centre is full, especially during the dismissal time. We hope that this will provide parents/guardians a vacant lane to drive up to Gate C/B3 to drop-off/pick-up their son/ward as well as to show consideration to other road users along Barker Road.
3. We would like to advise all parents and pupils NOT to cross at the T-junction of Dunearn Road and Barker Road but instead use the designated crossing outside the transport centre.





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B. Use of Chancery Lane Activity Area

1. Singapore Land Authority (SLA) has given the school a Temporary Occupation Licence (TOL) to use the area at the Chancery Lane as a Student Activity Area. Except for school-related activities, **the school has been strictly warned by SLA that it should not be used as a carpark**. The Student Activity Area at Chancery Lane is used by our pupils for various outdoor activities. The school has designated it as a pick-up and drop-off point to ease the traffic situation at Dunearn Road only during peak hours. Failure to comply with SLA's regulations may see the TOL revoked.
2. Thus, kindly be reminded that the Chancery Lane Activity Area is strictly a drop-off and pick-up point.
3. To ease the flow of traffic at Chancery Lane, during the peak morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal hours, Land Transport Authority (LTA) has implemented a **"No right-turn" rule** onto Chancery Lane when cars exit the Chancery Lane Activity Area. When all cars turn left onto Chancery Lane, it would certainly lead to a smoother flow for cars turning into and out of the Student Activity Area. We have received parents' feedback that there were some cars who have ignored this "No right-turn" rule and their vehicle numbers have been recorded. **Do take note that actions will be taken by Traffic Police against errant drivers who do not follow this ruling.**

C. New Signal before 'Gate C'

1. Please note that LTA has installed a new traffic signal before 'Gate C' to remind parents/guardians on traffic ruling of the speed limit as you drive near the school zone:

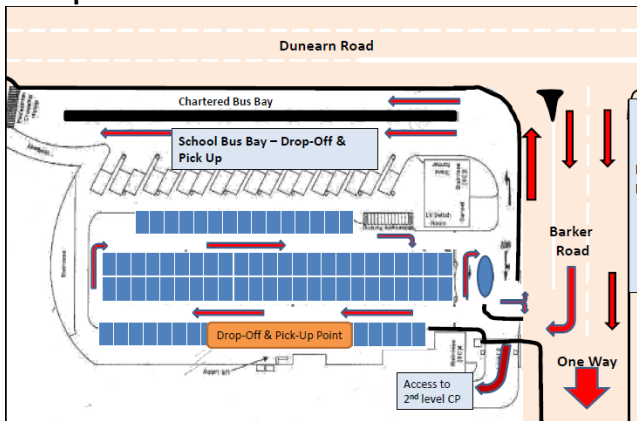





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D. Safety in Disembarkation and Smoothing the Disembarkation from Vehicles

1. We have noticed that some pupils have been dropped-off and picked-up in the mornings/afternoons in an unsafe manner. Please ensure he is drop-off/pick-up safely at the following points:

<p>Transport Centre</p>  <p>The map shows the layout of the Transport Centre. Dunearn Road runs horizontally at the top. Below it is the Charter Bus Bay. Further down is the School Bus Bay - Drop-Off & Pick Up area. Below that is the Drop-Off & Pick-Up Point. To the right of these areas is Barker Road, which has a One Way traffic flow indicated by a red arrow pointing downwards. There is also an 'Access to 2nd level CP' shown near the bottom right of the map.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parents/Guardians can drop-off/pick-up their son/ward at the 'Drop-off & Pick-up Point'.- Please do not create a second lane to drop-off/pick-up your son/ward as there will be ongoing vehicles.
<p>Gate C and B3</p>  <p>The photograph shows a road leading to Gate C and B3. There are orange traffic cones placed on the road. A car is visible in the distance with its headlights on. A person in a high-visibility vest is standing near the entrance. The area is surrounded by trees and greenery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parents/Guardians can drop-off/pick-up their son/ward by the side of the road (where the pavement is safe for the pupils to walk into the school).- Please do not create a second lane to drop-off/pick-up your son/ward as there will be ongoing vehicles.

2. When dropping off your son/ward in the mornings and picking him up in the afternoons, please be mindful of other road users. Please ensure he leaves/enters the car in a timely manner so as not to hold up others waiting to be dropped off and picked up. One way to do this is to place your son's/ward's belongings beside him when he is in the car so that it would take less time for him to alight once he arrives in school. Increasingly, we have noticed that pupils take their time to retrieve belongings from the boot, or at the back seat, and this has held up traffic and caused much frustration to other road users.



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E. Parking Arrangements at the Barker Road Campus Transport Centre

1. Please be reminded that designated red bays, strictly reserved for teaching staff, have been marked within the Transport Centre. **Only vehicles with designated staff labels are allowed to park in these red bays.** Parents/Guardians are not allowed to park in the Transport Centre, in particular in these reserved red bays. The security guards will wheel-clamp your car if your car is found parked in the red bay without a valid label. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged to release your car.
2. The car park label for parents/guardians allows you access to the Transport Centre but it does not allow you to park at the Transport Centre. Other designated drop-off/pick-up points include the Chancery Lane Activity Area and Gates 'C'/'B3' along Barker Road. We seek your understanding in this matter so that staff can park easily in the morning when they need to be in school quickly to take care of school matters. Parents/Guardians are also advised to refrain from parking your vehicles outside the school gate or bus bay in such a way that it obstructs the flow of traffic. Such indiscriminate parking is a danger to other drivers as well as pedestrians.
3. We would like to remind you that parallel parking inside the Transport Centre is strictly not allowed as it will cause traffic obstruction and affect the security level within the area. In addition, the security guards will only allow cars to enter the campus at arrival and dismissal times of the kindergarten, primary and secondary schools. We seek your co-operation with the security guards as they provide you with the necessary directions.
4. If you need to wait for your son/ward in the Transport Centre after dismissal because he has not come down from the teaching block, please note that you are **not allowed to parallel park as you will be creating a road block.** You are required to drive around the Transport Centre till he arrives.
5. Please **do not create a second lane in the Transport Centre** for drop-off or pick-up as the pupils' safety will be compromised.

F. Parking along Dunearn Road

1. Residents near Barker Road and the public have also provided feedback that parents/guardians, who park along Dunearn Road while waiting to fetch their sons/wards at dismissal times, have caused traffic congestion.
2. Please take note that the Traffic Police is aware of the illegal parking situation along Dunearn Road and is keeping a close watch. The Traffic Police is also stepping up their patrol for illegal parking near the school. It has been observed that many cars are parked along Chancery Lane before the entrance to the activity area up to the traffic lights junction. This poses a danger to other car drivers as well as pedestrians and is in clear violation of the Road Traffic Act.



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3. The Traffic Police and the LTA have also recently announced more stringent measures to enforce traffic regulations, for the safety of everyone. We appreciate parents'/guardians' cooperation in these traffic matters as our pupils' safety is of utmost concern to us and we will not hesitate to stop any inconsiderate drivers from entering our school premises.

Thankyou.

Yours sincerely,

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