



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

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is a joint letter from the Principals of ACS (Barker Road) and ACS (Primary).

As we welcome the return of our students from the mid-term break, we envisage even heavier traffic conditions and more vehicles in the Barker Road campus vicinity. In the past month we have observed that this is in part due to the work from home arrangements and reduction of students taking school buses, resulting in an increased number of parents and vehicles dropping off and picking up students. For the interim, and as a safe management measure, the schools have arranged for staggered dismissal timings for the different cohorts and modes of transport to alleviate the traffic conditions.

The schools continue to place great importance on the safety of our students and we seek your cooperation to adhere to the road safety advisory mentioned below.

Together with Land Transport Authority (LTA), we will be reviewing possible new traffic measures in the coming weeks. In the meanwhile, we seek your understanding and patience, and ask that you have more consideration for other road users whilst driving to and from the Barker Road campus during peak hours.

A. Road Safety and Courtesy on the road

1. We would like to remind all to observe the traffic rules when they are driving around Barker Road campus vicinity, including Barker Road and Chancery Lane Student Activity Area.
2. As vehicular traffic is especially heavy during the morning and school dismissal hours as well as at dismissal after Co-Curricular Activities and Supplementary/Remedial Lessons, we would like to appeal for your support and patience to observe the following:
 - (a) Do reduce your car speed before and upon entering Barker Road.
 - (b) Please give way to students who are using the pedestrian crossing outside Chancery Lane Student Activity Area leading to school Gate B (clock tower), as it could pose a danger to students if cars do not give way to them.
 - (c) All vehicles waiting to enter the Barker Road Campus Transport Centre are required to queue along the left-most lane of Barker Road (after Caltex Station) if you wish to enter into the school. Please do not obstruct the right lane as other vehicles and residents will need to access Barker Road.
 - (d) For drop-off or pick-up of students, do ensure that the student alight or board the car in a timely manner so as not to hold up other waiting vehicles.

- (e) For drop-off of students, it will be helpful to remind the students to place their belongings in the car (do not place belongings in the car boot). This will prevent further delay or slowing down of traffic flow when students alight from the car to retrieve their belonging from the car boot.
- (f) Do refrain from parking along Barker Road as it will cause unnecessary traffic congestion. Illegal parking will be subjected to Traffic Police summon.

B. Use of Chancery Lane Student Activity Area (Student Activity Area)

1. The Student Activity Area at Chancery Lane is currently used by our students 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. We seek your understanding and refrain from parking your vehicle in the area at all times.
2. To ease the flow of traffic at Chancery Lane, during the peak morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal hours, 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 lead to a smoother flow for cars turning into and out of the Student Activity Area.



The timing for the "No right-turn" rule is from 6.45am to 7.45am and from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

Do take note that actions will be taken by Traffic Police against errant drivers who do not follow this ruling.

We would like to highlight that the entrance and exit of the Student Activity Area has been widened to facilitate the entry and exit of vehicles. We have since observed an improvement in the traffic flow as it allows two cars to enter and exit at the same time.



Entry and exit of the Student Activity Area

C. Safety in Disembarkation from Vehicles at Gate C and B3

1. We have noticed that some students have been dropped-off and picked-up in the mornings/afternoons in an unsafe manner, especially at Gate C and B3. Do take note of the following:
 - (a) Please drop-off/ pick-up the students on the right lane, by the side of the road (where the pavement is safe for the students to walk into the school).
 - (b) Please do not drop-off or pick-up on the left lane as there will be oncoming vehicles.



2. The school has also received feedback from parents/guardians and Barker Road residents on our students being dropped off at the self-created second lane which caused a jam at Barker Road. Please note that the police and LTA have been informed and actions will be taken against errant drivers.

D. Parking Arrangements at the Transport Centre

1. The demarcated red parking lots within Transport Centre are reserved for campus staff with season parking decals. The season parking hours are from Monday to Friday, 5.00am to 6.00pm. Vehicles without the season parking decal may be wheel clamped by our security staff. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged to release your car.
2. Please apply for a car park label for access to Transport Centre and/or Chancery Lane Student Activity Area. The car park label for parents/guardians allows access to the two areas but it does not entitle you to a parking lot. Other designated drop-off/pick-up points include the Chancery Lane Student 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 for school operation. 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. The school requests that all parents/guardians cooperate with us on the following:
 - (a) Refrain from double parking or create a second lane in the transport centre for pick-up or drop-off as it will compromise our students' safety. The same applies if you need to wait for your son/ward. You are required to drive around the centre until he arrives.
 - (b) Our security staff 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 will provide you with the necessary directions.
 - (c) 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.

E. Parking along Goldhill Avenue, Dunearn Road and Chancery Lane

1. Residents around the campus and the general public have also provided feedback that drivers who illegally parked on the public roads while waiting for our students, in the morning and dismissal times, have caused serious traffic congestion.
2. Please be cautioned that the Traffic Police is aware of the illegal parking situation along the public roads and is keeping a close watch. The Traffic Police is stepping up their patrol for illegal parking near the school and enforcing more stringent measures to regulate the traffic situation.

We appreciate your cooperation in these traffic matters as our students' safety is of utmost concern to us and we will not hesitate to stop any inconsiderate drivers from entering our school premises.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
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