



SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL

Safety Begins With Me

A safe journey to and from school is the concern for the school. We advocate the concept of "Safety Begins With Me" in all safety related matters and would like to remind all pupils and parents about road safety and personal safety.

Please refer to the map of the school and the surrounding HDB blocks of flats and take note of the possible routes to arrive at school. In the interest of safety, please observe the following guidelines:-

1. If you are walking from the direction of Blk 200 Compassvale STH Gate, you may use the pedestrian traffic light crossing at Sengkang East Avenue and Sengkang East Road to cross the road. Thereafter, walk along the footpath to get to the school (See map attached marked "A")
2. If you are walking from the direction of Renjong LRT station, you may use the pedestrian traffic light at Sengkang East Avenue Road and Sengkang East Road to cross to the opposite side of Sengkang East Avenue Road. You may also use the pedestrian traffic light at Sengkang East Road and Sengkang East Avenue road to cross over to the opposite side of Sengkang East Road. Thereafter, walk along the footpath to arrive at the school. (See map attached marked "B")
3. If you are taking public buses to school from the direction of Buangkok Green Road, after alighting from the bus, walk along Sengkang East Road and use the pedestrian traffic light crossing at Sengkang East Road and Compassvale Bow Road to cross over to get to the school. (See map attached marked "C")
4. If you are walking from opposite Buangkok MRT station (Blk 270), you may use the pedestrian traffic light crossing at Sengkang Central and Compassvale Bow Road to cross the road and thereafter, walk along the footpath to get to the school. Alternatively, you can also use the motorized escalators at Buangkok MRT station to get to the opposite side of the road and walk along the footpath to get to the school. (See map attached marked "D" and "E")
5. A new overhead bridge has just being constructed along Sengkang East Road facing the MRT depot. You are encouraged to make use of this overhead bridge when crossing Sengkang East Road. (See map attached marked "F")
6. You would have noticed by now that a covered linkway has been constructed beside HDB Blk 282B. However, this handicap friendly access linkway, constructed over a high retaining wall, is about 1.5ft to 2ft higher than the school ground, therefore, it is NOT safe in our consideration to open the side gate for access yet. To address the safety issue, our school has proposed to MOE for improvement work to our gate and for another covered linkway from the school building to link up to the HDB linkway. We



await the outcome of the approval of these proposals and seek your understanding and patience in this matter. We will inform parents when the gate is ready for operations.

7. Cycling to school is **STRONGLY** discouraged due to the heavy vehicular traffic along Compassvale Bow and along the school service road. There is also high volume of human traffic walking their children to school along the footpath leading to the school. If you and/or your child need to cycle to school, please be on the lookout of vehicular and human traffic and obey all traffic rules and regulations stipulated for cyclists. You will also need to dismount and push the bicycle at all road junctions.
8. In 2013, the Traffic Police have disseminated a brochure entitled, "Stay Safe On The Road" and we would like to reinforce the following safety messages:

A) Obey Traffic Rules

1. Never cross the road when the "red man" appears or when the "green man" flashes on the traffic lights.
2. Do wait for all the vehicles to stop before using the zebra crossing.
3. If pedestrian crossings are not available, cross at a straight road where you can see vehicles coming from both sides of the road. Practise the kerb drill.
4. Never dash across the road at all times.
5. Do not cross in-between stationary vehicles as the vehicles may move forward and thus knock you down.
6. Never stand in the middle of the road waiting for the traffic to clear. Chances are you could get yourself hurt.
7. Never play by the side of the road.
8. Do not climb over the railings or stand in the middle of the road.
9. Avoid crossing the road where motorists have difficulties seeing you.

B) Practise Kerb Drill

1. Look Right
2. Look Left
3. Look Right Again
4. Ensure All Vehicles Have Stopped
5. Raise Hand High Up
6. Cross Briskly

In addition, we would like to remind the following on road crossing to inculcate safety habits:

- Be alert
- Remind your child that it is his/her responsibility to ensure that the pedestrian road crossing light is in their favour ("Green Man") and that the traffic has come to a halt before crossing. Your child should never run across the road when the "Green Man" light starts to blink.
- Your child must not be playing while walking along the road or when he/she is crossing the road
- When using umbrella, remind your child to hold the umbrella in such a manner that it does not obstruct their view of the traffic



- It would be advisable that your child use backpack type of bags instead of trolley bags. There is likelihood of wheels of the trolley bags being jammed dragged across the road

Safety Pointers for your child:-

- Be alert
- STOP, look right, look left and then look right again
- Wait for vehicles to come to a complete STOP before crossing
- Raise hand to attract the attention of drivers when crossing
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Road Safety awareness and good habits are best learnt early. Children that are taught to conduct themselves safely on the road will ensure not only their own safety but will also grow up to become safety conscious adults. Always impress upon your child the importance of road safety while walking along the road. Your positive role modeling will help reinforce the importance of safety in our children.

Thank you for your support and understanding towards making our school a safe and conducive place for learning.

