

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Dear Parent,

We understand that the journey to and from school can be worrying for you and your children, especially in the current situation. Our priority will be to keep our children as safe as possible by adhering strictly to the guidelines by ADEK. Please note that in order to accommodate the various safety and social distancing measures required by the authorities, the approved transport fee for the academic year 2020-21 will remain unchanged and will have to be paid in full for those availing this service.

Please note some of the important guidelines the school will be following regarding transport below. More specific health and safety guidelines and instructions will be notified at a later stage.

1. Buses will operate at 50% of their capacity, and children will be required to maintain social distancing while on the bus.
2. Transport service will be provided for all the days your child will have to attend school based on the attendance model described earlier.
3. Children will be assigned seats on the bus for the entire term.
4. Temperature checks will happen before boarding the bus, and children with higher than normal body temperature will not be allowed on the bus.
5. Trained and certified bus assistants will be available on every bus to ensure that social distancing and safety measures are implemented.
6. Online registration is required for transport requirements; however it is not a guarantee that the transport is confirmed. The School Transport Department will be sending a confirmation to the parent for the approved requests.
7. There will be no extra trips during exam time; normal trips will be available as usual.

TRANSPORT FEE DURING COVID RELATED SUSPENSIONS

A. Full transport fee will be charged under the following situations:

- Normal school operations, and students attend Face-To-Face (FTF) according to their cohort schedule.
- All public holidays, vacations etc. will be charged as usual.
- The school/phase is suspended for a period of time due to a COVID case (as per ADEK guidelines), due to which the student attends 5 days or more of Face-To-Face (FTF) classes in a month.

B. *Half transport fee will be charged under the following situations:

- The school/phase is suspended for a period of time due to a COVID case (as per ADEK guidelines), due to which the student attends less than 5 days of Face-To-Face (FTF) classes in a month.

C. *No transport fee will be charged under the following situations:

- The school/phase is suspended for a period of time due to a COVID case (as per ADEK guidelines), due to which the student has not attended any Face-To-Face (FTF) classes in a month.

* Note: Transport fee paid will either be adjusted (or refunded in special cases) if it has been paid in advance for situations B & C.

* Note: COVID related suspensions may pertain only to the bubble or group which is affected. The entire school may not close due to one infection.

WITHDRAWALS AND ADJUSTMENTS/REFUNDS

1. The school transport service cannot be temporarily cancelled by the parent for short periods of time.

2. Under normal circumstances the full transport fee will be charged monthly. In case of COVID related suspension, the transport service will be suspended temporarily, and the fee will be adjusted automatically as per the above policy.
3. In case the student wishes to discontinue the transport service, it can be withdrawn by submitting the online Transport Withdrawal Form available on our website at www.alainjuniors.com. Please note that the transport fee will continue to be charged until the withdrawal request is submitted online, even if the student has stopped using the transport. Verbal requests to withdraw will not be considered.
4. Once withdrawn, the school does not guarantee the availability of the transport service for the remaining period of the academic year.

Although we encourage you to transport your children to and from school in order to ease the pressure on the school transport system, the school will provide bus service to accommodate parents who do not have alternative arrangements. However, the provision or cancellation of bus service remains at the discretion of the school upon assessment of demand and availability of seats.

It is important that we know your preference with regards to the usage of school transport for your child/children for the upcoming term (January – March 2021).