Dear Parents,

Supervision of Children on the Journey to School

Although the welfare of children on the journey to and from school is each parent’s responsibility, it may be useful for new to TBS parents to be aware of our practices regarding supporting parents to ensure the wellbeing of all pupils on their journey to school.

Early Years to Year 4
Children below Year 5 will only be allowed to leave the school site when an adult, with their ID card, has entered the school playground and collected them.

Year 5 and 6
Due to the lack of road crossing facilities in much of Kathmandu and the busy nature of the traffic in our area, most Year 5 and 6 parents also choose to ensure their children are accompanied to and from school whilst they are still of primary school age. However, there is is no set age when it is safe for a child to come to school unaccompanied as this will depend on the distance and journey from school and your child’s maturity. If you do decide that your son or daughter is mature enough to walk home by themselves then you need to consider how you will prepare them by talking through traffic awareness and what they would do if a stranger approached them.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you do wish them to walk home unaccompanied please email jswift@tbs.edu.np at the beginning of each term, specifying which days your child will be attending and leaving school by themselves, and who will be be at home to greet them on their arrival. This will allow us to inform the guards and the class teachers. For their own safety, we will ask your child to wait in school if we are not sure they have been allowed to walk home alone by you.

Year 7-13
By the time students are in Secondary school, most parents are happy for children to manage their own departure. Students may still be collected by an adult, but this will not be monitored unless at the request of a parent. Students can leave school unaccompanied at the end of the day but should note that once they have left they should not return unless necessary. Please also ensure that students who are being picked up are collected promptly. This means that all students on site after 3.30pm are in a supervised club or activity. Students who are on the school site unsupervised or without our knowledge are at risk during an emergency. Sixth Formers may remain in school after 3.30pm for study purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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