



# Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus (Katong) Primary

*Our Vision - From girls to women of grace and substance*

*Our Motto - Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty*

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Dear Parents and Guardians

## INFORMATION SHEET ON SCHOOL BUS SERVICES FOR YEAR 2022

### School Bus Fare Increase

1. From 1 January 2023, the price cap for school bus fares under existing school bus contracts will be allowed to be increased by up to 7%. This revision will be a one-time increase, in view of the rise in fuel and manpower costs in recent months, which has made it more challenging for school bus operators to sustain their operations.
2. You would have received the above information from MOE via Parents' Gateway on
3. Parents/guardians should take the price increase into consideration when making school bus arrangements for 2023.
4. Students who require financial assistance can also receive more support through enhancements to the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) and additional help through school-based FAS, if needed.
5. The revised school bus fares are in the table below.
6. MOE will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that school bus fares are kept affordable for students and minimize any disruptions to school bus services.
  - a. The school will publish the fares quoted by the appointed bus operators in the IBSB website at <https://schadmsvc.moe.gov.sg/moeibsb/> for viewing by parents.

### School Bus Operator for 2023

1. The school had appointed Darren Lim Transport as the school bus operator for the period from Jan 2023 to Dec 2023 to provide the following services:
  - a. Daily School Bus Services (i.e. for sending pupils from home to school and vice versa); and
  - b. Bus Services for after school activities (i.e. sending pupils home from school after enrichment programmes, supplementary classes or CCA).
2. Parents who are interested in taking up the school bus services for 2023 please complete the "Request for School Bus Services" form via QR code or online link by Mon, 31 October 2022.
3. The annual bus fares will be payable over 9 months in a school academic year. The collection months are January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September and October. There will be no collections for the months of June, November and December. Please refer to the illustration in Appendix A.
  - a. The school will publish the fares quoted by the appointed bus operators in the IBSB website at <https://schadmsvc.moe.gov.sg/moeibsb/> for viewing by parents. .

## School Bus Fares

1. Parents may discuss their requirements directly with the bus operators to agree on the actual bus fares based on the 'Not to Exceed' Price.
2. The tables below show the 'Not to Exceed' Prices for both the daily school bus services and services for after school activities:

### A. Daily School Bus Services (i.e. for sending pupils from home to school and vice versa)

Distance	1 way (\$)	2 way (\$)
Up to 2km	\$139	\$160
>2 – 4km	\$149	\$170
>4 – 6km	\$160	\$190
>6 – 8km	\$170	\$210
>8 – 10km	\$235	\$255
>10 – 12km	\$250	\$290
>12 – 14km	\$320	\$360
>14 – 16km	\$370	\$400
>16 – 18km	\$420	\$480
>18 – 20km	\$530	\$580

### B. Bus Services for after school activities (i.e. sending pupils home from school after enrichment programmes, supplementary classes or CCA).

Distance	(\$)
Up to 2km	4
>2 – 4km	5
>4 – 6km	5
>6 – 8km	6
>8 – 10km	6
>10 – 12km	8
>12 – 14km	8
>14 – 16km	10
>16 – 18km	10
>18 – 20km	12

3. For students staying beyond the maximum distance range, parents may approach the bus operator directly for negotiation of bus fares.

## **Other Information**

1. We would like to highlight the following:
  - b. The school bus service is provided for trips to and from the school before and after official school hours as follows:
    - i. Daily school timing: 7.30am to 1.30pm (Curriculum time)
    - ii. Latest arrival time in school: 7.10am
    - iii. Latest departure time from school: 1.30pm (time which the buses depart from the school)
  - c. It is the parent's responsibility to pay the monthly bus fare directly to the bus operator by the first week of every month.
  - d. Parents are advised to take note of the operator's termination clause 13 in the Annex A.

## **Feedback**

1. The school will continue to seek feedback from parents periodically. Parents may also provide feedback directly to the school. The information gathered will help the school in assessing the appointed bus operators' performance and decide whether to renew their contracts or go through the proposal invitation process to appoint new operators.
2. For any feedback concerning the service standards and behaviour of the bus drivers/attendants, parents may contact the following:

**Darren Transport**

First Point-of-Contact: Mr Darren Lim (9028 5548)

Second Point-of-Contact: Mr Shawn Teo (8189 6168)

**School's General Office**

Office: 6344 3072

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mischa Simon  
Principal

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## Appendix A

This example compares 12-months and 9-months payment schedule based on an annual fare of \$1,080.

Month	12-months		9-months	
Jan	\$180	Pay Dec fare in advance	\$120	Payments are spread equally over 9 months
Feb	\$90		\$120	
Mar	\$90		\$120	
Apr	\$90		\$120	
May	\$180	Pay Jun fare in advance	\$120	
Jun	0		0	
Jul	\$90		\$120	
Aug	\$90		\$120	
Sept	\$90		\$120	
Oct	\$180	Pay Nov fare in advance	\$120	
Nov	0		0	
Dec	0		0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,080</b>		<b>\$1,080</b>	

Benefits of 9-month payment schedule:

- No advance payment is required for the month of Dec, Jun and Nov.
- Bus fare is paid over 9 equal payments.
- Pay as use basis.