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### **Subject: Ensuring the Safety of Our Children**

Dear Parents,

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our children is a shared responsibility between the school and parents. However, certain emerging trends have raised concerns about students exercising their independence in ways that may compromise their safety. As responsible adults, we cannot afford to be complacent. It is crucial that we stay vigilant and take proactive measures to guide and protect our children from harmful influences and potential dangers.

I request you to read the below circular regarding key areas where parental supervision is essential carefully and take the necessary actions to safeguard our children.

It has come to our attention that some students are leaving home under various pretexts—attending school, get-togethers, birthday parties, tuitions, or coaching classes—but are not reaching their intended destinations. Instead, they are spending time in malls, food courts, parks, and other public places during school hours. In many cases, children of different ages, both boys and girls from various schools in the city, are gathering in groups and roaming around. This is a serious concern as it exposes them to negative influences, risky habits, and unsafe situations.

There have also been alarming reports of students skipping the school bus, being picked up by 'friends,' and not reaching school—yet returning home on time, giving the illusion of regular attendance. Such students also submit the leave notes, faking the signature of their parents, thus duping the School, too. This is deeply disturbing and calls for immediate attention. I strongly urge parents to personally ensure that their children board the school bus in the morning and to be present at the bus stop when they return. Close supervision at these critical points can prevent such deceptive and risky behaviour.

Allowing children to roam freely without proper supervision puts them in danger. Parents must be extremely cautious when sending their children to social gatherings, tuitions, and coaching classes. If it is not possible to personally monitor their whereabouts, it is best to avoid such occasions. Alarming, some parents are even organizing such events and pressuring others to send their children, often for reasons best known to them. This is another matter of great concern, requiring urgent attention from parents.

Another serious issue is that underage children are being allowed to ride two-wheelers and even four-wheelers, putting not only their lives but also those of others at risk. Parents who permit such behaviour are not only encouraging reckless actions but are also violating the law.

In addition, unrestricted access to mobile phones and digital devices is leading to several disturbing behaviours. We strongly urge parents to set clear limits on screen time and actively monitor their child's online activities. Excessive use of gadgets and exposure to inappropriate content are negatively impacting the behaviour of our children and their emotional well-being and overall development.

With rising cases of child abuse and increasing instances of minors engaging in unlawful activities, it is crucial that we act together. Parents must closely monitor their children's friendships, how they spend their free time, and their activities outside the home and school. Some children may protest, accusing parents of interfering in their personal space and freedom, but please do not be discouraged by such impulsive reactions. Ensuring their safety is our utmost priority, and your firm involvement today will protect their future.

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. While the school takes all necessary measures to keep students safe within its premises, parental vigilance is equally essential to ensure their safety outside school hours.

Let's work together to create a secure and supportive environment where our children can grow and thrive.

***Very Important: The School is working on a mechanism to alert the parents on occasions of student's absence on daily basis. At the same time, I would also request the parents to intimate the school about the child's absence before 9:30 am on the same day, either through a mail or a call to the front office. No child who reports to school without a leave note shall be allowed to attend classes, henceforth. Also, the leave note SHOULD be entered and signed by either of the parents, and no one else.***

For any concerns or further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Warm Regards,



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(Principal)

