



Island School “No Private Car Use Policy”

Introduction

As part of ESF Island Schools commitment to sustainability and our ongoing effort to reduce the local impact of our operations, from the start of Term 1 2017, we will implement a mandatory no private car use policy as school operations start in our new decanting premises.

ESF Island School is located in the mid-levels area of Hong Kong and its students come from a wide catchment across Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. It is accessed by road by the majority of students via Borrett Road, which connects with Kennedy Road.

During the period of construction for our new campus on Borrett Road, ESF Island School will be using temporary school buildings. Both Borrett Road and our decant sites can experience significant traffic congestion, especially on weekday mornings and afternoons; parents, students and members of staff in the ESF Island School community share responsibility with our neighbours in the area for the safety and efficiency of the local road system.

The intention of this policy is to stop private car use for students and families getting to and from Island School each day.

No Private Car Use Policy

ESF Island School asks parents, students and staff to take advantage of public transportation and the various school bus services to travel to and from school in order to make an effective contribution to minimising traffic congestion in the local area. No private cars are allowed to be used for drop off or pick up of students.

In order to achieve this and to assist with the enforcement of our policy, the following action will be taken by ESF Island School:

- Provide staff to check and record any student being dropped off for school by private car.
- Any family that is recorded as using private cars for drop off 2 times shall be sent a communication reminding them of this policy and our requirement for them to stop using private cars.
- If the same family is recorded as using private cars for drop off a further 2 times, a letter shall be issued to the family reminding them that if private car use continues, further action may be taken by the school.
- If the same family is recorded as using private cars for drop off 1 more time (a total of 5) then the family (parent and student) will be asked to attend a meeting with the school where the students' extra-curricular activity privileges' will be removed.
- If the same family is found again to be using private car for drop off, then further action will be considered by the school.

Communication

In addition to the initial implementation phase, this policy shall be posted on the ESF Island School website and regularly included in school newsletters.