Dear Parents of MECS bus users,

The recent change in the timetable for Middle School students has had a significant impact on the flow of traffic at Kiss n Drop. In an effort to ensure the buses leave as safely and as early as possible from MECS, we are going to try a new location for our students to board their bus.

For the next two weeks starting next Monday Feb 15, students will board their MECS bus near the gym in the Senior School, where the buses currently park, rather than at Kiss n Drop. This will ease traffic flow and make Kiss n Drop safer and calmer. If the two week trial is successful we will continue with this arrangement going forward.

Primary aged children who catch a MECS bus will be gathered to a single location at the top of the playground by the duty teacher blowing a whistle three times at 3.25pm. The duty teacher will conduct a roll call of the students. Once we have confirmed that all the Primary children catching a bus home are present the duty teacher will escort them to their buses. The children will be taken through this process during school time so that they know what they need to do and where to go.

Irregular users: As the duty teacher will have a list of primary students expected to catch the bus each day, if your child is an irregular user, you may wish to advise the office that the duty teacher does not need to wait for them to gather in the playground, and that instead, your child will proactively gather with the duty teacher on the days they are to catch the bus. This way the group will not be delayed by the duty teacher waiting for a student that is not using the bus that day. Please let the office know if you do not require the duty teacher to wait for your child, and if your child will take responsibility for this themselves.

Secondary students will be advised of the change. We will expect them to make their own way to the buses when they are released from class.

Please discuss this change with your child/ren so that they are fully aware of the change and understand what they need to do. It might take a few days to get into the new pattern but we are confident that we can make this new approach work. As it is a trial, we welcome feedback from students and parents. If all goes well we will be able to avoid unnecessary delays to the bus departure times that might occur through traffic congestion at Kiss n Drop.

Thank you

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