



OUR REF :

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To: **To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13** **Unauthorised School Bus Transport**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.

It has been brought to our attention that an **unauthorised school bus operator has been advertising student transportation services to students of St. Mary's Catholic High School Dubai, (SMCHS).** Please be aware that this company has not been authorised by our school to provide these services to our students, nor do we have any legal or commercial relationship with them. As per regulations, all school bus operators in Dubai must have a valid contract with the school to which they are providing student transportation services and be approved by the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA). Our primary focus is child safeguarding and student health and safety and for this reason, we only contract with reputable, licensed school bus operators, such as STS Group, who are licensed and audited by the RTA.

As a responsible school, we have a duty of care to ensure the safety of our students .

SMCHS has a longstanding relationship with STS and can confirm that every bus driver and bus guardian employed with STS is meticulously vetted through references and police checks to ensure they are of good standing and safe to work with students at our school. In addition, STS provides the latest on-bus technology to monitor student safety and employee performance.

Parents are encouraged to use the school bus services of STS, as they are approved by us, fully licensed, regulated and focused on the safeguarding of your children.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

