



7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Grantleigh Parents

**Bus Safety Concerns: Grantleigh**

Since the most recent tragic school bus accident in the Pietermaritzburg area, we have received a number of concerns from parents with regard to bus travel safety. Against a background of a seemingly growing disregard by some motorists, nation-wide, for basic road rules and road safety etiquette, these concerns are both well-founded and valid.

Please be assured that the safety of our students and staff travelling on our buses is of paramount concern to the school and we make every effort possible to ensure that the requisite high safety standards of bus travel are met and sustained. Measures taken in this regard include:

- Routine, daily meetings with drivers
- Routine, daily bus checks carried out by drivers
- Regular C.O. R. testing of all buses. The last test was carried out in July of this year and all buses were passed
- Regular servicing of all buses. All buses were serviced during this last July holiday period
- A tyre survey was carried out during this period as well
- All drivers undergo an annual medical check. This happens each December
- All drivers attend yearly courses offered by **Future Coaches**
- Buses are speed and location monitored via **Ctrack** and any transgressions are reported daily via e-mail.

We share and appreciate your concerns regarding road, vehicle and travel safety and wish you to know that we will continue to maintain as stringent an approach as possible to this vitally important aspect of the functioning of our school.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Head