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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

**“40 KM/H WHEN LIGHTS FLASH” SIGN**

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in enhancing the safety of students travelling to and fro school. This is especially important as young children may not be fully aware of the possible dangers present on roads. Their lack of experience on the road and smaller physique which makes them less visible to motorists increases their vulnerability on the road.

As part of LTA’s continuous efforts in enhancing road safety for students, in addition to the existing School Zone road safety features, a new traffic sign will be implemented along the school frontage to remind and alert motorists to drive carefully and reduce their travelling speeds to 40 km/h (and below) when they enter a School Zone.

The “40 km/h When Lights Flash” sign comprises

1. “Children Ahead, School Zone” sign;
2. “40 km/h” speed limit sign; and
3. “When Lights Flash” supplementary information sign that is accompanied by a pair of flashing amber lights (refer to Fig 1).

The sign will be located at the start of the School Zone along the school frontage; and is expected to commence operation in early April 2018.



Fig 1. “40 km/h When Lights Flash” sign installed at Northland Primary School

This sign will operate during school arrival/dismissal hours. When in operation, the accompanying pair of amber lights will flash alternately. Motorists travelling within the School Zone are expected to reduce their speed to 40 km/h and below. When the sign is not in operation i.e. lights not flashing, motorists may travel at the original speed limit of the road, while continuing to exercise caution and drive carefully. A lower speed environment would provide motorists with more reaction time and this helps to enhance the safety for the various road users.

The operating hours of the “40 km/h When Lights Flash” sign (excluding school holidays) are:

- 6.30 am to 7.45 am;
- 12 pm to 2.30 pm; and
- Activated by schools when required for other school events

Motorists who are caught committing the offence of careless driving, inconsiderate driving, beating the red lights, or speeding within school zones will be given an additional demerit point.

<b>Traffic Offence</b>	<b>Number of Demerit Points for this offence</b>	<b>Number of Demerit Points if offence is committed within school zones</b>
Careless Driving	6	7
Inconsiderate Driving (Driving Without Due Care or Reasonable Consideration for Other Road Users)	9	10
Failure to conform to traffic light signal	12	13
Speeding	4-24	5-24

Table 1. Traffic offence penalties and respective demerit points.

We believe in the importance of safety for students and that everyone has a part to play in ensuring and enhancing road safety for the young. We look forward to the cooperation and understanding from all parents and guardians.

Thank you.

On Behalf of SPF, LTA and MOE,

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