

Students and public reminded to allow more travelling time for first phase of face-to-face class resumption tomorrow

The Transport Department (TD) said today (September 22) that the first phase of face-to-face classes will commence tomorrow (September 23) and Secondary One, Five and Six and Primary One, Five and Six as well as Kindergarten Three students will return to schools for classes. Students are reminded to attend school early as traffic is expected to be busier than normal.

Students, especially those attending a new school, are reminded to familiarise themselves with the public transport routes to be taken to school and allow more travelling time on the face-to-face class resumption day. Students living on the outlying islands or attending schools on the outlying islands should check the ferry schedules, the vessel types to be used and journey times for their intended ferry trips beforehand. Students should also pay attention to road safety when attending school.

Major public transport operators will provide adequate public transport services to cater for transport demand.

The TD's Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre will closely monitor the traffic situation and public transport services. It will also maintain close liaison with major public transport operators and relevant government departments and arrange public transport service enhancement when necessary.

More information may be obtained through the following hotlines and websites of major public transport operators:

Operator	Hotline	Website
MTR Corporation Limited	2881 8888	www.mtr.com.hk
New World First Bus	2136 8888	www.nwstbus.com.hk
Citybus	2873 0818	www.nwstbus.com.hk
Kowloon Motor Bus	2745 4466	www.kmb.hk
Long Win Bus	2261 2791	www.lwb.hk
New Lantao Bus	2984 9848	www.newlantaobus.com
New World First Ferry	2131 8181	www.nwff.com.hk
Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry	2815 6063	www.hkkf.com.hk

Motorists are advised not to drive to the school areas if possible. Drivers of nanny vans and school buses are reminded to pay attention to safety when serving young schoolchildren. They should not carry excess passengers or leave the students in vehicles unattended. An escort should be provided on board when serving kindergarten or primary school students. Parents should agree well in advance with schools and operators of nanny vans or school buses on the locations for picking up and dropping off their children.

Students and members of the public are advised to pay attention to the latest transport and traffic news before leaving home and allow more travelling time.