



George Stephenson
High School



Scholars Bus

Student Code of Conduct
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Expected Behaviour

Students who travel on the scholars bus should follow the below expectations at all times:

- ✦ *Students should sit down and remain seated for the whole journey;*
- ✦ *Students standing need to stand quietly, and not push or move around the bus;*
- ✦ *Drinking and eating is NOT permitted;*
- ✦ *Students must not throw objects inside or out of the bus;*
- ✦ *Students should use acceptable language when talking to other students and the driver;*
- ✦ *Students must NOT harass, bully or abuse other students or the driver, either verbally or physically;*
- ✦ *Students should respect other students' property and not interfere with it;*
- ✦ *Students should listen to and follow the instructions of the bus driver and the teacher on duty at all times;*
- ✦ *Students are NEVER to engage in any behaviour that could put other students, the driver, or themselves, at risk.*
- ✦ *Students should respect the bus property (standing on seats or vandalising/causing damage are NOT acceptable actions);*
- ✦ *Do NOT smoke.*

Safety Matters - Getting on the Bus

- ✦ *Wait back from the road (stay on the path);*
- ✦ *Wait until the bus has stopped before attempting to get on the bus;*
- ✦ *Carry your bag in front of you to avoid getting it stuck in the door;*
- ✦ *When seated, put your belongings on your lap, allowing another student to sit next to you;*
- ✦ *If there are no seating places, stand and place your bag on the floor and hold on to a seat-back or handrail.*

Safety Matters - Getting off the Bus

- ✦ *Wait until the bus has stopped;*
- ✦ *Carry your bag in front of you so it does not get caught in the door;*
- ✦ *Get off the bus carefully without pushing;*
- ✦ *Wait back from the road until the bus has moved away;*
- ✦ *If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has moved away and you can see up and down the road before you cross it.*

What happens if a student behaves unsafely or inappropriately?

When students behave in an inappropriate or unsafe manner the school takes steps to manage this behaviour. This could include requesting and viewing CCTV footage from the bus company in order to investigate any reported incidents or complaints made by the driver, students, parents or even members of the public.

The consequences of not meeting the expected standards of behaviour are:

- ✦ *Losing their place on the bus temporarily;*
- ✦ *Losing their place on the bus permanently;*
- ✦ *In case of damage, costs will be passed on to parents/guardians;*
- ✦ *Potentially, the student could be prosecuted by the police if the bus provider presses criminal charges;*
- ✦ *School sanctions (detentions, Internal Exclusion). In extreme situations, the school may choose to issue a Fixed Term Exclusion or Permanent Exclusion from school.*

Remember

Your Responsibilities

- ✦ *Always respect others, including other pupils, drivers and the public.*
- ✦ *Always respect vehicles and property. Always be polite.*
- ✦ *Never drop litter.*
- ✦ *Always obey the law.*

Your Safety

- ✦ *Always behave well when travelling.*
- ✦ *Always follow the driver's instructions when travelling.*
- ✦ *You must not distract drivers.*
- ✦ *Always cross the road safely and sensibly.*
- ✦ *Always travel by a safe route.*

Your Rights

- ✦ *To be safe when travelling.*
- ✦ *To be treated fairly and with respect.*
- ✦ *To tell someone if somebody or something is causing you problems.*
- ✦ *Not to be bullied or picked on.*

“A bus journey, should be a pleasant and safe journey!”