

## **Bus Code of Conduct – September 2022**

This year we will be implementing a more stringent and robust “Code of Conduct” to further support this. Our Code of Conduct will follow the same expectations as we have in school; all students should act within our school values. Students who do not act within school values will be given warnings, and then issued with short-term and long-term bans if they do not change their behaviour. This is to ensure that all students have a pleasant journey.

The Code of Conduct is as follows:

All students will demonstrate Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Aspiration by:

- Being at the bus stop on time
- Respecting others while queuing for the bus and wait sensibly
- Showing a pass (where required) for every journey
- Always speaking politely to the driver
- Sitting in a seat and remain seated throughout the journey
- Using appropriate language and respect when asked about volume also
- Refraining from distracting the bus driver (which includes behaving in a way which means the driver does not have to challenge behaviour)
- Refraining from throwing anything out of the window
- Making sure that all litter (or spillages etc) are picked up and taken from the bus
- Making sure that there is no damage to the bus
- Refraining from smoking or vaping on the bus
- Respecting other passengers’ personal space. This includes where they are sitting, any object being thrown and physical contact
- Reporting any poor behaviour which causes other passengers or distress to the school so that it can be challenged

Drivers will support students demonstrating Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Aspiration by:

- Always speaking politely to students
- Challenging behaviour which does not demonstrate school values using common language
- Working with school to report behaviour which does not demonstrate school values

Parents will support students demonstrating Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Aspiration by:

- Discussing the importance and expectations in relation to conduct on the buses with their child.
- Raising concerns with school where needed if conduct is not matching school values
- Addressing any concerns raised with their child prior to any further action being taken
- Supporting the school if further action is taken in terms of bus bans by providing alternative transport

The process / actions for following up breaches of the Code on Conduct is as follows:

- Issue raised and investigated where needed
- Student will be spoken to by a member of staff in school (1st warning)
- Student will be spoken to, and parents informed (2nd warning)
- Student will be banned from the bus for a set period of time (dependent on incident)
- Student will be banned from the bus until the end of the term
- Student will be banned from the service permanently

The vast majority of students behave exactly as we would expect, and the purpose of this Code of Conduct is to support them and allow them to have the journey that they deserve to and from school. We look forward to further improving your child’s journey as the year goes on.