



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carer,

### **Behaviour on School Buses**

Students have settled in well this year and are exhibiting the positive behaviour we are so proud of in school. This letter contains information specifically for those parents with a child who gets a school bus to/ from school.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child of the expectations regarding behaviour on school buses. These are clearly laid out in the planner and include the expectation that students will:

- Always behave appropriately on the bus.
- Be polite and pleasant to the bus driver and other passengers.
- Always sit down on a seat where possible.
- Not stand near to the bus driver.
- Report any problems relating to poor behaviour to their Year Manager.
- Always carry their bus pass, ensuring they are on the correct bus, as shown on their card.

We know that the vast majority of our students understand this and follow our expectations at all times and we thank those students for their cooperation. We also know however that on some buses a small number of students are spoiling the journey to/ from school with their inappropriate behaviour. Students should be reminded that all the buses have cameras and drivers are reporting names of students who are misbehaving to school. All allegations of poor behaviour will be investigated and where necessary actions will be taken in line with the positive discipline system.

For students identified as exhibiting poor behaviour on school buses sanctions will escalate as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time reported – Student(s) will receive an in-school sanction, with a bus warning letter sent to parents outlining our concerns.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time reported – Student(s) will receive a ban from using the school buses lasting five school days.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time reported – Student(s) will receive a ban from using the school buses lasting 30 school days.
- 4<sup>th</sup> time reported – Student(s) will be banned for at least the rest of the academic year. In serious cases this will be a permanent school bus ban.

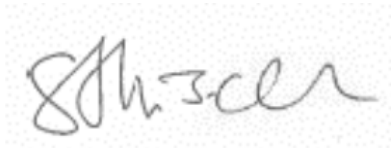
Please also note the above sanctions may be escalated more rapidly for more serious incidents.

If a student is banned from the school bus it will be up to them to find an alternative way to get to/ from school. We appreciate this may be an inconvenience for that student and their family, but all students should be able to travel to and from school safely.

It is important that all students who use the school buses understand our expectations. We are confident that the above sanctions will only be a concern for a very small number of students whose persistent poor behaviour is spoiling the journey for the majority.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and outlining our expectations with your child.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Clarkson', is centered on a light gray dotted rectangular background.

Mr S Clarkson – Acting Deputy Headteacher