

Buses – Code of Behaviour

From time to time the College will re-issue the Code of Behaviour for Buses. It would be appreciated if it could be impressed upon pupils that significant or continuous failure to follow the code or the breaking of school rules could lead to their being banned from the buses for a period of time, or permanently.

1. Bus passes, where issued, must be carried on all journeys. Failure to carry the pass may result in the driver refusing passage.
2. Pupils must sit in one seat and must fasten their seat belt.
3. Once the bus journey has started a pupil may not leave his / her seat until the bus has reached his / her destination and has come to a halt. Seat belts must remain fastened for the duration of a pupils' journey.
4. At no time during any part of the journey may any pupil do anything or behave in any way as to distract the driver.

The following in particular are forbidden:

- (a) The use of bad language.
 - (b) The throwing of any article.
 - (c) Shouting, screaming or singing.
 - (d) The playing of personal sound reproduction devices without headphones.
5. Day pupils must travel to and from College in school uniform or, if necessary, an official Ellesmere College tracksuit, both top and bottoms, as purchased in the School Uniform Shop. A pupil incorrectly dressed may be refused permission to board a bus to return home at the end of the day.
 6. At all times the bus driver is the ultimate source of authority on the bus and must be respected as such and obeyed.
 7. No food or drink may be consumed on the bus, unless permission is given.
 8. It is the responsibility of each pupil to take all their property with them when they leave the bus.
 9. Certain pupils may be appointed as "Bus Monitors". They will be tasked to report to a designated member of staff on the successful operation of this Code of Behaviour. Pupils are required to cooperate with the bus monitors to allow them to carry out their role effectively.
 10. Pupils who break the above rules, or in any other way prejudice the safety or good order of those travelling, or good name of the College, including by their behaviour whilst awaiting the bus in the morning or leaving it in the afternoon, may be banned from using College buses for a period of time, or permanently.

At all times, School Rules apply and this code of behaviour is just re-iterating our expectations whilst travelling to and from school.