



Rossett School
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Rossett School: Bus Code of Conduct

The responsibility for ensuring good behaviour on home-to-school transport includes students, parents, the bus provider and the school, the main responsibility remains with the student.

To support this, the school has issued the following School Bus Code of Conduct which forms part of the terms and conditions of travel. These common-sense points are designed to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey to and from school. We would ask that you – as parents or carers – discuss this document with your child, before the start of the academic year:

As a passenger, I will:

- Be on time to the bus stop and stand patiently and respectfully whilst waiting.
- Queue sensibly away from the road and traffic.
- Raise my arm to alert the bus driver to stop.
- Get on the bus in a calm and orderly manner without 'rushing' or pushing.
- **Always** have my bus pass or ticket ready to show the driver.
- Obey the bus driver at all times and treat them with respect.
- Remain in my seat and keep my hands and feet to myself.
- Fasten my seat belt (where applicable) for safety reasons.
- **Do not move around the bus or between decks (if applicable).**
- Never leave my bag in the aisle nor touch the emergency exit.
- Do not distract the driver.
- Remove all rubbish and place in a bin/bag provided by the bus company.
- Talk with a quiet voice and speak to fellow passengers with respect.
- Cooperate with the driver, the bus company or staff at the school in the case of any incident worthy of report.
- Do not attempt to get off the bus while it is moving.
- If you must cross the road after you get off the bus, wait until the bus has moved off and go to the nearest available crossing or to a place where you can see the road clearly in both directions.
- Please thank the driver as you leave.

We will work closely with the bus companies to ensure that any poor behaviour on the buses is dealt with quickly. If there are complaints that involve students, these will normally be investigated. If students are found to have behaved in an unacceptable way then any of the normal range of sanctions used by the school will be applied; this could include a 'bus ban' either at the direction of the bus company or the school.

By agreeing to use the bus service you undertake to accept the terms and conditions of travel. This includes sanctions which would be applied if the required standards of behaviour are not met.

Parents/Carers need to be aware that if their child does not meet the required standard of behaviour on the bus any of the following may apply:

Students may be:

- ❖ asked to sit at the front of the vehicle for a set period;
- ❖ suspended from all school transport services for a period;
- ❖ banned permanently from the transport in the case of extreme and persistent behaviour. (Parents will still be expected to ensure that their child attends school);
- ❖ required to pay for any damage they have caused;
- ❖ prosecuted by the Police.

NB

Advice from NYCC and the bus companies, in the case of an incident or breakdown of the bus.

Students are advised of the following on the rare occasion when buses are subject to vehicular failure or other issues:

1. To follow the instructions of the driver, who is the designated supervising adult at that time in the journey.
2. Usually the advice will be one of two options – to remain on the bus or in a safe place by the side of the road, until the replacement vehicle arrives for the onward journey.

A reminder to parents. *Advising students to take alternative actions, by phone or otherwise, renders the student under 'parental responsibility' from this point onwards. Any alternative onward journey is taken at the parents' own cost.*