

# **ST. DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Transport Home to School; Code of Conduct**

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**FROM HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT BY BUS AND COACH.  
Code of Conduct for Parents and Children.**

Flintshire County Council wants every child to be safe when they travel on school transport.

This Code of Conduct sets out some simple rules that, if followed, will keep them as safe as possible.

Every pupil has a personal responsibility for their own and others' safety during every journey to and from school

Please make sure that your children are aware of the simple rules and advice contained in this code and therefore know how to behave on school transport.

This Code of Conduct is supported by:

- Flintshire County Council Local Education Authority.
- Flintshire County Council Road Safety Unit.
- Flintshire County Council Transportation Unit.
- North Wales Police.
- Bus and Coach operators represented by Confederation of Passenger Transport UK.

### **Before the School Journey.**

Pupils should:

- Be accompanied to the pick-up point if parents have any doubts about their safety.
- Be at the pick up point in good time.
- Make sure they have their bus pass with them, and ready to show to the driver.
- Wait in an orderly and sensible manner, away from the road if possible.
- Keep clear of the bus until it has stopped.
- Get on the bus one at a time and not push or rush to the entrance.
- If the bus is late, wait for up to 20 minutes before following a course of action agreed with parents or the school guidelines.

### **During the Journey.**

- Show your pass to the driver.
- Find a seat quickly and put bags and equipment in the luggage rack or under the seats to keep the gangways clear.
- Remain seated, facing forward at all times.
- Where seat belts are fitted they should be worn at all times during the journey.
- Do not speak to or distract the driver, except in an emergency.
- Treat other passengers with care and respect.
- Do not bully other pupils.
- Do not smoke, eat or drink whilst on the bus.
- Do not shout or use foul and abusive language.
- Do not damage the vehicle.
- Do not leave litter on the bus.
- Do not throw things in or out of the bus
- Do not try to operate doors or equipment on the vehicle, unless in an emergency.

- Do as the driver says if there is an emergency or breakdown.
- Report any concerns about the journey to parents and to the school.

**At the end of the School Journey:**

- stay seated until the vehicle stops.
- Remember to take all belongings from the bus.
- Get off the bus in an orderly manner using the proper doors.
- Make sure that bags, coats, scarves etc. do not get caught in the doors.
- Do not cross the road in front of or behind the bus.
- Wait until the bus has moved off and the road can be seen clearly in both directions before crossing the road.
- Make sure you are met at the drop off point unless you are sure it is safe to walk home alone.

**REMEMBER!**

Children who do not behave on the journey between home and school, may have their right to travel withdrawn.

Bus drivers are instructed to report any incident of bad behaviour to the County Council Transport Unit.

If a child loses the right to free school transport, it is the parents' responsibility to make alternative arrangements to ensure their child attends school.