

COWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRAVEL CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS

Your child is eligible to travel on the school bus. Your co-operation in ensuring that he/she is at the designated bus stop AT LEAST 5 minutes before the stated arrival time and that ALL rules are fully complied with, would be greatly appreciated.

Parents are reminded of the following matters:

The regulations provide that State school students may be permitted to travel on a school bus service subject to the conditions set out in the Education Regulations 1988.

Parents should note that permission to travel on a school bus is a privilege – NOT a right.

Permission may be withdrawn if a student's behaviour is unsatisfactory.

School bus services are provided to ensure that students arrive safely at school and in sufficient time for school instruction. To ensure that the schedules are not interrupted it is the student's/parent's responsibility to see that the students are NOT late for the bus.

Considerable responsibility rests on all concerned to ensure that school bus travel is as safe as possible, therefore the following rules have been prepared.

- a) Students must wait at the bus stop in an orderly fashion. They should not play on the roadway nor should they attempt to approach the bus before it has FULLY stopped.
- b) Students must travel ONLY on the bus to which they are allocated.
- c) On leaving a bus, students are to wait on the same side of the road until the bus has moved on and they have a clear view of the road in both directions, before crossing the road.
- d) Parents waiting for students are asked to wait on the same side of the road as the bus, so as to eliminate any risks of students running across the road.
- e) No student is to board the bus while it is in motion.
- f) Students are to remain seated for the whole journey.
- g) Throughout the journey, students are asked to talk quietly and MUST refrain from calling out to passing traffic.
- h) Boisterous conduct or "horseplay" will NOT be allowed, nor will any action that may distract the ATTENTION of the driver. This includes "yelling out" and the making of sharp, loud noises.
- i) Fighting and hitting will NOT be tolerated on any bus or at any bus stop.
- j) Harassment of any sort will NOT be tolerated.
- k) Foul or abusive language will NOT under any circumstances, be tolerated.
- l) Vandalism of any sort will NOT be tolerated.
- m) No students should throw litter, or any other object, in or from the bus.
- n) No student should, under any circumstances, have any part of his/her body protruding from a bus.

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NON COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING

The bus driver will stop the bus and record the student's name and details of the offence.

The offender will be carried to the school or bus stop.

The offence will be reported to the bus co-ordinator at the first opportunity by the Bus Company.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The School Principal or the delegated school bus co-ordinator will decide on the nature and degree of disciplinary action required.

When an offence warrants it, disciplinary action may include suspension from bus travel for a specified period. A persistent offender may be suspended for an indefinite period or permission to travel completely withdrawn.

In cases of vandalism, those found to be responsible will be required to meet the cost of repairs.

GENERAL

Only eligible students are permitted to travel on the bus.

The bus driver has the authority to designate specific seats to students, and/or move a student to another seat on the bus.

When a child is suspended from the bus it is the parent's responsibility to arrange the student's transport to and from school for the period of the suspension.

In cases of vandalism, those responsible will be required to meet the cost of repairs.

If a student misses the bus, the parent will be responsible for making arrangements for transport to or from school.

Any bus traveller desiring to leave the bus at a stop other than his/her normal stop, must seek permission to do so.

Please ensure that your child knows whether they are to travel on the bus on a specific night

**ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL FREE OF HARASSMENT.
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPLAINING THE RULES TO YOUR CHILD WILL ENSURE
THIS HAPPENS.**

These rules should be kept at home and your child reminded of them regularly.

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BUS TRAVEL

PARENT / CHILD AGREEMENT

Dear Parent/Guardian

In an effort to ensure that all bus travellers travel safely and without harassment, Cowes Primary School has introduced the attached School Bus Code of Travel.

Please read and discuss with your child. I would appreciate return of the tear-off strip to me as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Terlich
Bus Supervisor**

**Karen Van Dijk
Bus Supervisor**

I (Parent – print name).....have read the above policy and noted the action that will be taken if rules are broken. I have discussed this with my child.

Parent / Guardian signature.....Date.....

I am aware of the action that will be taken if any of the rules of travelling on the buses are broken.

Student's signature (Yr 5/6 only).....

NAME OF STUDENT.....ROOM.....