

Behaviour on Transport

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Safe School Transport

If you have any questions, or are in anyway unhappy with your transport provision contact Transport Services on:

01225 394380 - For schools A-P (This includes The Link Centre)

01225 394370 - For schools Q-Z

01225 394371 - Guide Escorts and schools outside of Bath & North East Somerset.

Alternatively e-mail us at: fleet_passengertransport@bathnes.gov.uk

A Guide to Behaving Responsibly

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General

We aim to make the transport of school children as safe as possible. For instance, vehicles are regularly checked for roadworthiness and we carry out Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks on all drivers as an extra safety precaution. However a minority of pupils can endanger drivers, all passengers, pedestrians and other road users through irresponsible behaviour. We are therefore asking for your co-operation to ensure that everyone who travels on the school bus has a safe and pleasant journey by following these guidelines.

Expected Behaviour on Transport

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In the morning

Please arrive in good time at the scheduled pick-up point and wait sensibly keeping clear of the road. Wait a reasonable time before going home if the transport is late; (20 minutes on a fine day). Do not push or shove others when getting onto or off the bus (this also applies to the afternoon journey).

If you are picked up from home, ensure that you are ready 5 minutes earlier than stated. Keeping the driver waiting may cause problems for the other passengers on the route and will usually result in the vehicle arriving late at school.

On the vehicle

Do not eat or drink on the vehicle.

Smoking is illegal on the bus and therefore not allowed (including the driver).

Do not leave litter – always take your rubbish with you.

It is your legal responsibility to wear your seat belt. Please use it properly and ensure it is stored correctly at the end of the journey.

Do not shout or distract the driver whilst the vehicle is in motion.

Do not throw things inside the vehicle or out of the windows.

Vandalism will not be tolerated – parents will ultimately be responsible for any repair/cleaning costs.

Do not intimidate or be rude to other passengers and respect the rights of other students to travel without fear of bullying.

Sit one person per seat and remain seated throughout the journey.

Listen to instructions given to you by the driver. It is their job to get you to school safely, so ensure you follow their advice.

In the afternoon

Go straight to the assembly point for school transport.

If you miss the transport, see the teacher on duty if there is one, or go straight to the school office in order to make arrangements to get home.

IMPORTANT

You must carry a valid ticket to travel at all times.

Any accidents or incidents of misbehaviour, overloading etc should be reported to the school without delay.

You cannot swap vehicles without prior authorisation from Transport Services on 01225 394371, 394370 or 394380.

If you lose your pass, you must get a replacement as soon as possible. Contact Transport Services for details of how to obtain a duplicate pass.

If you wish to take a friend(s) home you must first obtain authorisation from Transport Services.

Failure to keep to these rules will result in the following action:

Your parents and school will be informed.

Where necessary the police will be informed.

You or your parents may be asked to pay for any damage you have caused.

You may not be allowed to use the bus and your parents will have to find a different way to get you to school.

Continual misbehaviour may lead to permanent exclusion from transport.

The Council is working with schools, bus operators and the police to help ensure your transport service is safe and trouble free.

We rely on you to help us achieve this.

The leaflet about Safe School Transport can be made available in a range of community languages, large print, Braille, on tape, electronic and accessible formats from Transport Services on 01225 394371

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