

5th December 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you regarding instances over the last few weeks of unacceptable pupil behaviour whilst travelling to and from school on the Stagecoach 526a and 526b bus service. Huntcliff School works in close partnership with Stagecoach to provide a safe, reliable and clean bus service for pupils which should allow for a calm and orderly start and end to the school day.

We have recently had several reports from pupils, parents and members of the public regarding poor behaviour on this bus service which have the potential to impact on the safety, security and comfort of the other passengers on the vehicle and other road users. We have clear expectations regarding behaviour on the bus as outlined in our pupil planner:

- Always obey the driver
- Never behave in any way that might distract the driver's attention from the road
- Enter and exit the bus safely and always show your pass
- Stay seated at all times facing forward and use your seatbelt
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Always keep the aisles clear, bags in the aisle are a trip hazard
- Do not throw things
- No eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus
- Never put head, arms or hands out of the window
- Remain quiet and do not disturb the driver
- Report poor behaviour of others for your own safety
- Always be responsible, be safe, and set a good example

All instances of inappropriate behaviour reported to the school are investigated, pupils will be placed on bus behaviour contracts should their behaviour prove to be unacceptable and appropriate sanctions will be issued in line with our behaviour policy. **Repeat offenders can face temporary or permanent travel bans.**

This letter is intended as a reminder of the responsibilities of the pupils who travel on this bus service, and that poor behaviour will not be tolerated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many pupils who do travel safely and behave courteously on a daily basis, your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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