



School Transport Behaviour Policy

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Rationale

GEMS Wellington Academy, Al Khail sets high standards of behaviour both in school and on school transport. The School Bus Transport Policy at GEMS Wellington Academy, Al Khail aims to provide a safe, efficient, and respectful transportation service for our students. We prioritize the well-being of our students during their daily commute to and from school. By establishing clear guidelines and expectations, we aim to foster a positive and disciplined environment on the school buses, ensuring the safety and comfort of all passengers.

Guiding Principles

At GEMS Wellington Academy, Al Khail, we do not tolerate any form of anti social behaviour on the school bus service.

Furthermore, we aim to:

- Create an environment where all bus staff and students have the right to travel to and from school in a safe, orderly and supportive environment, which is free from distraction and where they feel respected and valued
- Promote the skill of empathy, ensuring that all members of the WEK community are respectful and responsible.
- Promote equality and fair treatment for all.
- Be committed to promoting a safe environment within the school bus in partnership with parents, governors, students and staff, where the health and safety of all is paramount.
- Recognise and be aware that ensuring the health and safety on school buses is a potential problem in all organisations.
- Understand that anti-social behaviour affects everyone; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Recognise that the majority of motivation for students to effectively manage their own behaviour should be intrinsic.

Expectations



Respect: Students are expected to show respect for themselves, their peers, the bus staff, and other road users. Respectful behaviour includes using appropriate language, following instructions, and treating everyone with kindness and consideration.

Safety: Students must adhere to all safety rules and regulations while on the bus. This includes remaining seated, using seat belts, and keeping hands and objects inside the bus at all times.

Punctuality: Students should arrive at the designated bus stop on time and be prepared to board the bus promptly. Punctuality ensures the smooth operation of the bus service and minimizes disruptions for other students.

Cleanliness: Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean and free from litter. They should refrain from eating on the bus unless otherwise permitted. Drinking a small amount of water is fine.

Personal Belongings: Students should take care of their personal belongings and ensure they do not cause any inconvenience or damage to others.

Behaviour Management

Unacceptable Behaviours:

- Bullying or harassment of any kind, including verbal, physical, or cyberbullying.
- Disruptive behaviour that may compromise the safety and well-being of others.
- Vandalism or damage to the bus or its equipment.
- Refusal to follow instructions from the bus staff.
- Endangering oneself or others by engaging in dangerous activities on or near the bus.

Monitoring Behaviour and Feedback:

Bus staff will continue to monitor student behaviour on the bus and provide feedback to the respective class teachers. This feedback will enable teachers to address any behavioural concerns in a timely manner, ensuring that appropriate action can be taken to maintain a safe and respectful environment.

Valuing Ourselves, People, and Things

At Wellington Academy, Al Khail, we believe in fostering a culture of respect, empathy, and responsibility. We encourage students to value themselves, their peers, and the objects around them. By treating others with kindness and demonstrating a sense of responsibility, we create a harmonious and inclusive environment both within and outside the school bus.

Responsibilities

Responsibility of the School:

The school is responsible for ensuring a safe environment on the school bus. This includes providing clear guidelines, training the bus staff, and addressing any concerns related to behaviour on the bus service.

Responsibility of the Child:



Students have the responsibility to behave appropriately, follow the rules and regulations, and treat others with respect. They should actively contribute to maintaining a positive environment on the bus.

Responsibility of the Parents:

Parents play a crucial role in supporting the implementation of the School Bus Transport Policy. They should familiarise themselves and their children with the policy, encourage good behaviour, and address any concerns regarding the bus service promptly.

Suspension/Exclusion

In cases of repeated non-compliance with the school policy, the following consequences may be implemented:

- Three examples of not following the school policy will result in a Formal Bus Behaviour letter being issued.
- If non-compliance continues, a second Formal Bus Behaviour letter will be issued and a three-day suspension from the bus will be enforced.
- Continued violation of the policy will result in a third Formal Bus Behaviour letter and will result in the student being excluded from using the bus service.

We believe that by following this School Bus Transport Policy, we can create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment on our buses, ensuring the well-being of all students. We urge all bus users to remember that the bus service is a privilege and not a right.

Parent and Child Agreement

At Wellington Acedemy, Al Khail, students are expected to adhere to the School Transport Policy alongside the Student Bus Behaviour Code from the School Transport Services LLC. By working together, we can keep everyone safe on the bus journey to and from school. We encourage parents to discuss the contents of the School Transport Policy at home with their child/children.

Registering Parent/Gaurdian remians responsible for ensuring that the School Transport Policy and the Terms and Conditions from the School Transport Services LLC are complied with by their registered bus user child/children at all times.