

Code of Conduct

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TRANSPORT EXPECTATIONS



Our transport and our values

Home to school transport is provided for the benefit of our students. Making sure school transport is safe for everyone is everyone's responsibility. We are united in upholding our values demonstrating strength of character to be our best selves in all areas of school life.

The wearing of our school uniform identifies our students as members of the Maritime family, therefore we expect all students to be proud of their choices and how they represent our school both at the Academy and as ambassadors of the Academy when in the wider community.

An incident of behaviour that puts the safety or wellbeing of others at risk, or falls short of our expectations of our students, will be subject to sanctions in line with the policy and our whole school behaviour policy.

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The following code of conduct applies to students travelling on school buses or when representing the Academy on other transport services.

Respect for others and their property

We expect our students to look after the provision that has been made for them, to be mindful of others using the transport and demonstrate respect in all circumstances.

Students must:

- Respect other passengers and their possessions.
- Follow the driver's directions without argument.
- Not interfere with the bus property, equipment or signs.



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Waiting for pick up

When waiting for the bus, our students are expected to demonstrate our high expectations and are reminded that they are wearing our uniform and should therefore demonstrate our values as ambassadors of our Academy.

Students must:

- Accept their responsibility for getting to the pick up point on time - they should arrive at least five minutes before the bus is due to depart.
- Wait in an orderly queue, without blocking paths used by members of the public, until they are able to board the bus.
- Stand quietly without shouting or calling out.
- Do not drop litter or cause any disruption to the environment/ area whilst they are waiting for collection.
- Agree with parents the actions that will be taken if they miss the school bus



On the bus

Students conduct on the bus should reflect the high expectations we have of our community. Students are considerate of other students using the service who want a calm and purposeful journey to school. We expect our students to uphold our Maritime Manners and greet the driver/other adults in the morning.

Students must:

- Choose a seat, sit down and place their school bag on the floor between their knees ensuring not to block the seat next to them or the gangway for other students.
- Remain seated throughout the journey and use a seatbelt if one is provided.
- Engage in a quiet and calm activity for the duration of the journey to ensure the arrival to school is calm and safe for all students
- Follow the instructions of the driver/other designated adults without exception.



On the bus

Students must NOT:

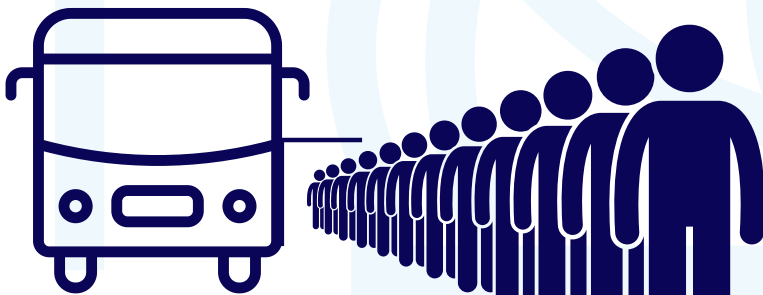
- Speak to or distract the driver unless there is an emergency.
- Stand in front of the driver or on the stairwell.
- Use the emergency exits or doors unless the driver instructs them to, or if there is a genuine emergency.
- Eat, drink or smoke on the bus.
- Use foul or abusive language on the bus.
- Bully, fight, spit or display any behaviours that would be in violation of our Academy Behaviour Policy.
- Throw items or damage the inside or outside of the bus. If damage is caused the police will be contacted.
- Change seats during the journey.
- Block the aisle or seats during the journey.
- Possess an object that could reasonably be considered dangerous or intended for use as a weapon.
- Possess, discuss or distribute inappropriate or offensive material.
- Use a recording device to obtain images, audio or video of the driver or any passengers.
- Place their feet on the seats.
- Encourage, coerce or equip other passengers to do anything that may jeopardise their own safety or that of other passengers.
- Behave in a way that will make other passengers feel unsafe or less comfortable

Leaving the bus

On arrival to school or when disembarking at the end of the school day, our students are expected to be polite, courteous and respectful of their community. We expect our students to uphold our Maritime Manners and thank the driver for their service.

Students must:

- Wait for the bus to stop before standing to get off.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner.
- Never cross the road directly in front of or behind the bus.
- Use pedestrian crossings where available.
- Walk to the designated line up area on the playground



In an emergency

If an emergency occurs, students are expected to apply their habits of mind by managing their impulsivity, communication with clarity and precision and listening with understanding and empathy. Emergency situations can cause anxiety, but with a calm and considered approach all students can be supported to keep themselves and others safe.

Students must:

- Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner.
- Wait in the area indicated by the driver.

Students must NOT:

- Interfere with the emergency equipment.





Suggested activities for the bus journey



Complete reading homework which includes a minimum of 30minutes reading each day



Practice your basics



Complete your reflection journal



Debate quietly with a partner, this weeks P4C topic



Revise your Masters of Recall Knowledge Bank



Review your timetable and revisit your previous learning ahead of today's lessons



Reflect on your school day and use thinking hats to discuss, with a partner, your evaluations



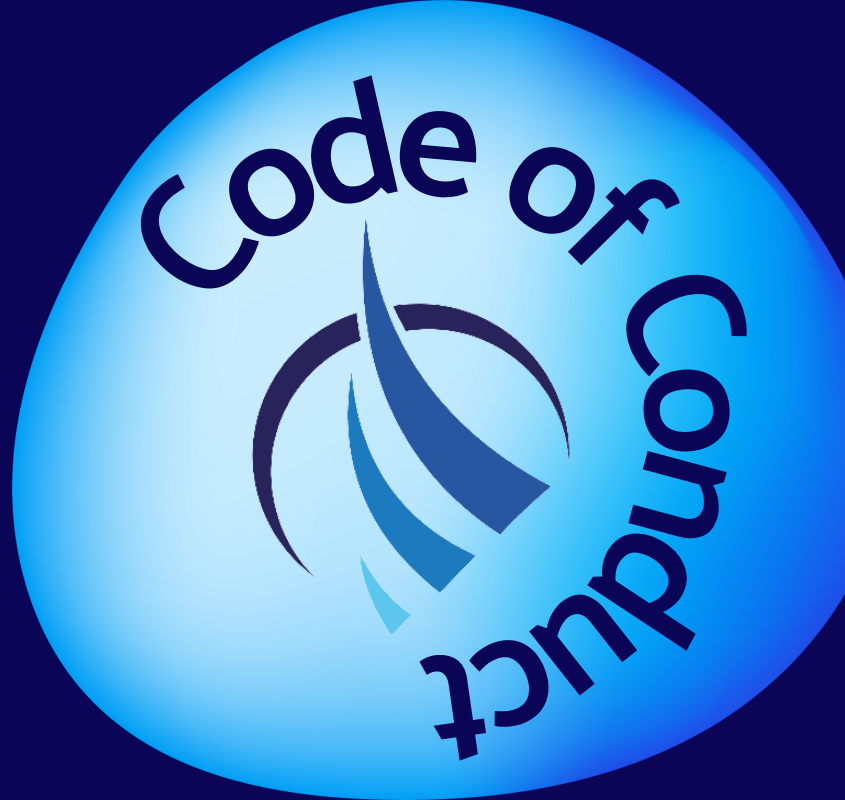
Read the latest news and discuss topical items

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By using our transport - you automatically
agree to our Code of Conduct



If you do not keep to the code of conduct your parents/carers will be informed and you may not be able to use the school transport anymore.



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