



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College Home to School Bus Service Code of Conduct

PUPILS

- The Behaviour Management Policy and Pupil Code of Conduct apply at all times when you are using the school bus services.
- In general terms we expect the same high standards of behaviour from our pupils on the school buses as we do in school. Our usual school rules apply to all whilst using the services, and school sanctions will be applied including removal from the school bus service in the event of poor and/or dangerous behaviour.
- Any reasonable request made by a driver or employee of the bus company (for example to sit down) that is not adhered to will be followed up by school staff and a sanction will be applied.
- Remember that the time stated on the timetable is the departure time. Please be at your pick up point at least five minutes before.
- Carry your bus pass and be ready to show it to the driver every time you board the bus. You will not be allowed to travel if you do not produce a valid pass.
- Only use the bus service stated on your pass.
- Fraudulent use of this pass will result in the pass being confiscated and travel privileges suspended.
- Be aware of the danger zone (the immediate area around the vehicle), where it can be difficult for the driver to see pupils, especially near the vehicle entrance.
- Pupils must only use their allocated seat number; your seat number will be shown on your bus pass.
- Once a pupil has a seat they should remain in it for the duration of their journey. Walking around on a moving bus is dangerous and therefore not allowed.
- Your seat belt should be fastened
- Keep your hands, feet, head and belongings inside the vehicle at all times.
- Smoking is not permitted on the buses, this includes e-cigarettes.
- Please board the bus sensibly and in single file – don't push and shove.
- Store your bags and belongings safely – in luggage racks or under your seat – remember they are your responsibility.
- Eating is not allowed on the school buses. Plain water is the only drink pupils are allowed on the school buses.
- Never interfere with the emergency exit doors or other bus equipment e.g. safety hammers or extinguishers.
- You must take any litter home with you. Don't leave it on the bus.



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PARENTS

Please ensure that your child has read and understands this Code of Conduct and understands its importance. They should know that it is their responsibility to adhere to it and the implications if they do not.

Parents should also ensure that -

- Your child knows the correct bus number.
- You arrange that your child is at the bus stop in good time for the bus and collected promptly.
- Your child is aware of alternative arrangements in the event that they miss the bus or travel is denied for any reason.
- Your child is familiar with the walking route to and from the pick-up point.
- Your child knows how to cross the road safely and to behave responsibly on the way to and from the pick-up point.
- Your child has a valid bus pass at all times.
- Your child understands the importance of wearing seat belts.