

## SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Withers Coachlines provide your children a safe way to get to school. We expect that the children adhere to the following practices.

- When waiting for the bus, stand well back from the road. Buses take up a lot of room when they pull in.
- Put your phone down and remove your headphones. Stay alert so you can hear and see dangers. Wait until you're on the bus to use your phone.
- Let the bus stop completely before you try to get on.
- Don't push and shove or try to get on as a big group.
- Let younger students get on first so they can safely find a seat.
- Carry your bag so it doesn't get caught in the door. Once you're in a seat, put your bag under the seat in front of you or on your lap.
- If you have to stand in the aisle, hold on to a seat back or rail. Keep your bag as close to you as possible on the floor so other people don't trip on it.
- Stay behind the driver. Listen to instructions from the driver and the wardens, they want to keep you safe.
- When you get off the bus, wait as far away from the edge of the road as you can until the bus drives away. Stay alert for traffic dangers.
- If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has gone far away and use the kerb drill

### Kerb drill

1. Find a safe place to cross.
2. Take one step back from the kerb.
3. Look in all directions and listen for traffic.
4. If traffic is coming wait for it to pass, then look and listen again.
5. When there is no traffic, walk quickly across and be alert to any changes.

### Student Behaviour

Students should always show respectful behaviour while on board the bus.

- When I am a seated passenger, I remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I don't eat on the bus or throw anything.
- I don't smoke or vape on the bus.
- If I am standing, I am quiet and do not push or move around the bus.
- I respect other students and their property (this includes no verbal or physical abuse, or other behaviour that distracts the driver).
- I use acceptable language and don't shout.
- I respect the bus company's property (no standing on seats or vandalism).
- I understand any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.
- I don't do anything that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I always follow instructions of the bus driver and the teacher responsible for bus travel.

Inappropriate behaviour will be reported to the school. The school will take steps to manage this behaviour. The student could lose their place on the school bus (temporarily or permanently).