

SAIN'T CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

Coláiste Chaitríona, Ard Mhacha



SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY

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An agreed Code of Conduct applies to all journeys made to and from school by bus or as part of a school organised outing.

In accordance with the Transport Code of Conduct, pupils **must**:

- sit one person only to each seat
- wear fitted seatbelts on all journeys
- remain seated when the bus is in motion
- show due regard and consideration for fellow passengers and the driver at all times
- comply fully with instructions given by the bus driver or bus prefects.
- be able at all times to produce their bus pass on request to the driver/bus prefect before embarking on their journey to or from school

This applies to those pupils travelling to or from school by private/Translink buses. Pupils travelling to school by **Translink** are expected to alight from their bus at the stop nearest the school.

Pupils travelling to school by **private bus** which delivers them onto the school grounds are expected to alight from their bus and remain on school premises.

Failure to do so will be deemed to be leaving the school grounds without permission and will be sanctioned accordingly.

The following are **strictly prohibited**:

- The consumption of food or drink on the buses
- The use of foul or unacceptable language
- Unacceptable behaviour towards other pupils
- Unacceptable behaviour to a member of the transport personnel
- Any kind of behaviour which, in the opinion of the driver, compromises the safety of fellow passengers/other road users
- Any behaviour which brings the school into disrepute.

Any infringement of the above rules will be referred to a pupil's Year Head and will be dealt with in accordance with the sanctions highlighted in Points 7 and 8 of the school's Positive Behaviour Policy/Anti-bullying Policy.

Pupils and parents are asked to note that travel to and from school by private coach is at the discretion of the bus company. In those cases where a pupil is presenting serious difficulties to transport personnel, a pupil's bus pass may be withdrawn and parents/guardians asked to make alternative transport arrangements for their son/daughter.