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Coachford College

Policy statement on behaviour while travelling on Special School Buses

Each pupil has the right to travel to and from school in safety and reasonable comfort, free from upset and annoyance.

The Bus Driver

Pupils may not engage in any activity which may distract the bus driver from his task of driving the bus.

Smoking

Pupils may not smoke while travelling on a school bus.

Smoking on school buses is prohibited by law (Tobacco Act, 1988 and Tobacco Regulations, 1995).

Aside from the fact that other pupils are subjected to passive smoking, the risk of fire is greatly increased when pupils smoke on a bus.

Respect for fellow passengers

Bus passengers may not engage in any activity, whether physical or verbal, which may cause upset or injury to another pupil or which may damage or deface the bus.

Seating

Pupils are instructed to be seated on all special school buses as indicated in the diagram below with Leaving Certificate pupils at the back of the bus, Pre Leaving Certificate pupils in front of them and so on, so that First Year pupils are at the front of the bus. Whenever possible, within these groupings, boys should sit together and girls should sit together.

Leaving Cert. Pupils	Pre LC Pupils	Transition Year Pupils	Third Year Pupils	Second Year Pupils	First Year Pupils	Driver
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Boarding & Disembarking

In Coachford, pupils may board or disembark from the bus only when the bus is parked on school property. At the other end of the journey, pupils must exercise extreme care in relation to other road users when boarding or disembarking, and while waiting for the bus.

If pupils obey these rules, then travel to and from school ought to be a pleasant experience for all involved.

Pupils who behave otherwise can expect that sanctions will be imposed by the School Authorities, Bus Eireann and the Southern Health Board. Bus Eireann may, in certain circumstances, withdraw transport permanently from a pupil.

Contract

I have read and understand the school's policy statement on behaviour while travelling on special school buses. My signature below indicates that my behaviour while travelling on school buses will be in compliance with this policy statement

----- Pupil's signature ----- Parent's signature