

# **BUS CODE OF CONDUCT**

To make everybody's bus journey as enjoyable as possible, the school asks you to sign up to the following code of conduct:-

## **WAITING FOR THE BUS TO SCHOOL**

- Queue sensibly, away from the road
- Get on the bus in a calm and orderly manner without 'rushing' or pushing
- Parent/Carer must ensure your child is at the bus stop in good time to catch the bus
- Please ensure your child knows what to do if the bus is late or does not turn up, i.e. traffic, road works or accidents

## **ON THE BUS**

- Show your pass to the driver or Pay for your ticket (service bus only)
- Find a seat and stay seated for the journey – DO NOT move around
- Fasten your seat belt (where applicable) for safety reasons
- Do not distract the driver unless in an emergency
- Do not damage the bus
- Always behave sensibly throughout the journey
- Never touch the emergency exit
- Never leave your bag in the aisle
- Remove all rubbish and place in a bin bag provided by the bus company

## **GETTING OFF THE BUS**

- All buses stop in the bus layby or come onto the school premises
- Do not attempt to get off the bus while it is moving
- If you have to cross the road after you get off the bus, wait until the bus has moved off so you can see the road clearly in both directions, or go to the nearest available crossing
- Finally....say a cheery 'thank you' to the driver!

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL**

### **Behaviour on Home to School Transport**

The main responsibility for ensuring good behavior on home to school transport lies with the children themselves. It also lies with parents or guardians, St Aidan's C of E High school or St John Fisher Catholic High School and the bus contractors jointly.

The schools' will work closely with the bus companies to ensure that poor behavior on the buses is dealt with quickly.

**If there are complaints that involve pupils, these will normally be investigated by the school. If pupils are found to have behaved in an unacceptable way then any of the normal range of sanctions used by the school will be applied. This could include exclusion.**

**You are respectfully reminded that registering to use the bus service you undertake to accept the terms & conditions of travel. This includes sanctions which would be applied if the required standards of behaviour are not met.**

**Parents need to be aware that if their child causes any damage or does not meet the required standard of behaviour on the bus they could:**

- **Be asked to sit at the front of the vehicle for a set period of time**
- **Be suspended from all school transport services for a period of time. In case of extreme and persistent behavior they may be banned permanently from the transport and parents will be expected to ensure that their child attends school**
- **Have their bus pass withdrawn**
- **Be prosecuted by the Police**
- **Be required to pay for any damage they have caused**