

Robert Bloomfield Academy

A Specialist Engineering and Languages Academy

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BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES

We are very proud of the standard of pupil behaviour at Robert Bloomfield. The children show that from day to day, their behaviour in and around the school is exemplary and many visitors to the school comment on the positive atmosphere and ethos. However, there will be many of you whose children travel on the buses, who are concerned, as we are, at how these standards can deteriorate in the unsupervised environment of the school bus. Although we issue a code of conduct for travel on the bus and fully investigate reported incidents, we feel the need to send a much firmer 'zero tolerance' message to the children, in the interests of safety and pupil welfare. The amount of unacceptable behaviour in school is negligible, compared to the buses and we are determined to deal with it.

We will therefore be introducing a '3 strikes' rule which will be applied, when dealing with all forms of unacceptable behaviour on the bus. This will include such things as throwing objects, running on the decks, interfering with other pupils' property or in any way jeopardising the safety of the bus. The stages are outlined below, and will be applied to any pupil who is reported for behaviour which breaks the code of conduct.

1. Any first incident of misbehaviour will be dealt with by a letter to parents, outlining the problem and requesting that they speak with their child. A detention will be given in school.
2. A second incident of any kind will involve a formal warning letter and a report slip in the child's diary which will link in with the school's behaviour policy, and may contribute to the child in question losing Trustee Status.
3. Should a third incident of any kind occur then there will be a mandatory one month bus ban issued and the bus company will be informed. The bus pass will be removed for this time.
4. Any child receiving a bus ban and who chooses to repeat their behaviour on returning to the bus will immediately re enter the system at Stage 3 – a further one month ban.

I speak to many parents on a regular basis about their concerns over bus behaviour and how easy it is for this to compromise the safety of all who travel. We require the support of all parents in ensuring that the excellent standards of pupil behaviour in school are replicated on the school buses and expectations of self discipline remain high. The pupils' safety remains our priority.



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