

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Behaviour Expectations on Public Transport

As an Academy we have high expectations of how our students behave both in the Academy and outside of the Academy.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, there has been a small number of complaints regarding the behaviour of our students on both public and private transport while students are travelling to and from school.

As many Mascalls students travel by bus or train, we need to be aware that these services are available to a wide number of students and to the public and we will not tolerate anyone impacting the travel of other students during this time.

Below are the student's responsibilities as set out by KCC for students accessing public transport, which has been taken from the KCC Home to School Transport Guide:

- Arrive for their transport on time and with a valid travel pass for travel
- Behave in a safe and responsible way at all times
- Show their passes to the driver or other officials when asked
- Follow all instructions from the driver, inspector or other official at all times especially in an emergency
- Wear seat belts at all times (if they are fitted)
- Get off safely at the right stop and cross roads carefully
- The following behaviour is not acceptable and if reported, parents will be contacted by the Local Authority as to the appropriate action that will be taken.

Category 1 Nuisance or Offensive Behaviour	Category 2 Dangerous Behaviour	Category 3 Destructive or Very Dangerous Behaviour	Category 4 Extremely Dangerous or Life Threatening
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failing to respond to the driver or inspector 	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing on the vehicle steps or in the doorway 	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting • Threatening physical violence 	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical assault on the driver or other passengers

<p>appropriately. E.g. not showing a valid travel pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating or drinking on the vehicle • Smoking • Spitting • Bad or abusive language • Making excessive noise • Placing feet on the seats of the vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaning out of the window or door • Harassing or verbally abusing other passengers or the driver • Bullying • Running around inside the vehicle or climbing on the seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking windows • Interfering with the opening of the doors or emergency exits • Causing graffiti including scratching glass • Spraying aerosols • Damage to seats, seatbelts or other equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting fires including igniting aerosols • Threatening physical violence with a dangerous weapon • Interfering with the vehicle controls
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As an Academy we will continue to educate our students about their responsibilities and our expectations through our assembly programme, Healthy Minds lessons and our Advisory Programme. However, where the behaviour of our students falls short of the required standards set out above, Mascalls will work with KCC and the bus provider to rectify problems and KCC retains the right to suspend or remove transport or passes where this is deemed appropriate.

If you wish to discuss any issues, regarding behaviour on your child's transport, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on chris.courtney@mascallsacademy.org.uk

Kind regards



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