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Dear Parent/Carer,

Behaviour on school buses

For any parent/carer whose child travels to or from school by bus, I wish to update you on the following.

Whilst the vast majority of pupils who travel to and from school by bus behave impeccably and are a credit to our school, we are getting increasingly frequent reports of a small minority of pupils whose behaviour falls below our expectations. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Poor behaviour on buses:

- Is upsetting for the majority of pupils who follow the school and bus rules
- Is distracting to the driver and could cause a serious accident
- Damages the excellent reputation of our school in the community

Where we have concerns about behaviour on a school bus, we will enforce a strict seating plan which we expect all pupils to stick to, both when travelling to and from school. The school will respond to any incidents of poor behaviour, including where pupils fail to stick to the seating plan, as follows:

- **Incident 1** – first warning issued, letter sent home, 30 minute lunchtime detention
- **Incident 2** – second and final warning issued, letter sent home, 60 minute after school detention
- **Incident 3** – 5 day bus ban issued, letter sent home, 90 minute after school detention

If your child receives a bus ban, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is able to travel safely to and from school during this period. Should further incidents occur, further bus bans and consequences will be issued in line with the school behaviour policy. This may include off-site direction, suspension or for the most serious breaches of policy, permanent exclusion.

In the event of a serious incident, the school reserves the right to issue an immediate ban.

I hope this letter provides you with reassurance that the school is committed to ensuring all pupils can travel to and from school by bus both safely and comfortably. All pupils who travel by bus have been informed of these changes and we ask you also discuss them with your child.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Your sincerely

G Senior

Mrs G Senior
Head of School

