

# Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed

## Safe Travel Policy



Learner safety is of the utmost importance. Learners must behave responsibly and safely when travelling to and from school, whether by bus, train, taxi, bicycle, walking or any other way. If learners get a bus to school, they must also follow the rules in the School Bus Travel Behaviour Code (see below).

If they do not follow this policy, for their own safety, and other people's, the Local Authority and the school can take action against the student. This might involve taking away their right to school transport and even excluding them from school.

### **Learner Responsibility**

- Always respect others, including other learners, drivers and the public.
- Always respect vehicles and property.
- Always be polite.
- Never drop litter.
- Always obey the law.

### **Learner Safety**

- Always behave well when travelling.
- Always follow the driver's instructions when travelling.
- Never distract drivers.
- Always cross the road safely and sensibly.
- Always travel by a safe route.

### **Learner Rights**

- To be safe when travelling.
- To be treated fairly and with respect.
- To tell someone if somebody or something is causing you problems.
- Not to be bullied or picked on.

Learners should tell a teacher, parent or driver about any bad behaviour or bullying they see.

### **Learner School Bus Travel Behaviour Code**

1. When at the bus stop, learners should always wait sensibly, off the road (if possible, on a pavement).
2. Learners should make an agreement with their parents regarding what to do if the bus does not arrive or if they miss it.
3. When the bus arrives, learners should wait for it to stop. Never push or rush for the door.
4. Learners should show their bus pass (if they have been given one) when they get on the bus.
5. On a school bus, learners must stay in their seat for the whole journey.
6. On a public bus, learners must find a seat if one is available.
7. Learners must never block the aisle with a bag or other belongings.
8. Learners must always wear a seatbelt if one is provided.
9. Learners must not distract the driver when he or she is driving.
10. Learners must not eat or drink on the bus.

11. Learners must never throw anything in or from the bus.
12. Learners must never damage or vandalise any part of the bus.
13. Learners must never operate the bus doors or exits, except in an emergency.
14. Learners must always follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
15. If there is an accident, learners must stay on the bus until told to leave. If it is unsafe to stay on the bus then they must leave by the safest exit.
16. Learners must always get off the bus sensibly, taking all belongings.
17. Learners must never cross the road in front of or close behind the bus.
18. Learners must not play loud music on the bus.
19. Learners must speak in a respectful manner to the driver.
20. Learners must bring anything onto the bus to sell.
21. Learners must not smoke or vape on the bus.

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