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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been wonderful to see all the pupils returning back to school after the summer. The pupils have really enjoyed being back in school and appear really positive despite the continuing national situation.

Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents on the buses when travelling to and from the school. Whilst these incidents have all been dealt with by the escorts and drivers, there is some extremely bad language that has been used by a few pupils, along with punching/kicking and trying to damage the buses whilst in transit. Additionally, a few pupils have been messing around with their seat belts whilst the bus is in motion.

These actions mentioned above are completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated on the buses. The behaviour of some of our older pupils who we expect to behave as role models has been having a negative effect on younger pupils, leading to their behaviour being affecting not only in school, but also out of school.

We have therefore decided to take out a three-strike approach to the buses from this point onwards. If any child is to receive 3 strikes (warnings) whilst on the bus, then they will not be welcome on the bus for the following day, both morning and afternoon.

Whilst we acknowledge and apologise the inconvenience to families we cannot tolerate this behaviour as we need to keep all pupils travelling on the buses safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Regards,

Jonathan James

Bus Escort

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