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THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/carer

I am writing to you to ask for your support in helping the school to address increasing levels of poor behaviour on our school buses. Since September, we have dealt with incidents of assault, vandalism, homophobic comments, racism, inappropriate acts and name calling.

The Corbet School will always investigate every incident in conjunction with the Council and will apply our behaviour policy to implement school sanctions, as well as educating our pupils to try and prevent further issues. We appreciate that most of our pupils travel to and from school via Shropshire School Transport, but we now feel that we need to illustrate the transport department's sanctions alongside ours, to try and discourage poor behaviour and to ensure that the school buses become a more pleasant and safer place for our children to use.

The table below illustrates example behaviours and the sanctions that will be taken by the transport department if those behaviours were to occur.

Nature of Behaviour	Sanction
General Misbehaviour (bad language, shouting, refusing to remain seated, throwing items around (first instance)	Warning Letter
Serious Misbehaviour (continued misbehaviour after warning letter sent, fighting/major distractions to driver/tampering with vehicle safety equipment) use of foul/racist/discriminative/homophobic language in general or when directed towards another person (including the driver).	Travel Suspension (1 week)
Very serious behaviour (Physical assault on fellow pupils/driver, continued use of foul or abusive language towards another person. Major distractions to the driver for example whilst driving and interfering with safety equipment on the vehicle.	Travel Suspension (2 weeks or longer) Depending on the nature and seriousness of the behaviour an indefinite travel suspension can be put in place which will be reviewed after a period.
Continued dangerous behaviour (as listed above) on the bus following travel suspension.	Indefinite removal from transport with immediate effect which will be reviewed after a period.

Please be assured that every incident will be investigated fully and if reasonable adjustment is felt to be required, then this will be taken into consideration.

Please could I ask you to speak to your children about behaviour on the bus and make them aware of the sanctions that can be taken shown in the table above.

Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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