



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of our Anti-Bullying Campaign and following Student Voice feedback, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Head Students have been working alongside Salisbury Reds to ensure that bus journeys to and from school are an enjoyable experience for both students and the bus drivers.

To this end, our students have created a guide on how to be a model passenger. This will be shared with all students during form time and can also be found on Show My Homework. Key points include staying seated on the bus, taking any litter with you and a reminder that when you are wearing school uniform, you are a representative of Saint Joseph's. In short continue to Do Your Best and Mind Your Manners.

One area in which we would like to see an improvement is in the number of students who do not have passes and/or tickets to show the driver. If your child has misplaced their bus pass, please contact reception, before the end of the school day, who can issue them with a 2-week temporary bus pass. If the bus pass is found during the 2-week period, please return the temporary pass to reception who can reissue it again later if needed. The cost of a replacement bus pass is £15, a code will be given to you by reception along with information on how to pay for the new pass. School staff will be increasing the monitoring of students who do not have their bus pass with them.

School transport is provided on an entitlement basis through Wiltshire Council. If the child is attending their closest/designated school which is more than three miles from their home address. If a family is in receipt of free school meals, maximum working tax credit or universal credit, the distance is reduced to more than two miles from their home address. Applications for a free bus pass can be found here:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/3962/2022-23-Under-16-School-Transport-Application-Form/pdf/2022-23-V2-Eform-U16-Transport_Application_Form.pdf?m=637837346555700000

After the Easter holidays, we will be increasing contact between Saint Joseph's Catholic School and Salisbury Reds. There will be a specific focus on the 663 and students who do not meet the expected behaviour standards. Where student conduct or behaviour fails to meet the expectations we have of all members of the Saint Joseph's community, sanctions will be put in place via the school. These sanctions could include a temporary ban on travel on the school bus route and/or sanctions following the school's behaviour system.

Additionally, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have created a training video for Salisbury Red drivers, identifying forms of bullying and how to support a student who may be on the receiving end of bullying behaviours. If you have any concerns about events taking place on the school bus, please do contact school. If a bus does not arrive as expected, please contact Salisbury Reds via their website. <https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/contact>.

Thank you for your support with this project. If you have any queries, please contact sbr@sjcs.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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