

Bus Code Of Conduct 2025

This Bus Code of Conduct Agreement is between the student, their families, Murphy Buses (Bus Operator) and Pukekawa school.

Students and their parents need to read and understand this contract, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the bus driver and all students travelling on the school bus.

Please read through this **Code of Conduct Agreement** with your child/ren.

Once you have read, understood and signed this agreement please **return back to the office with your enrolment application.**

BUS EXPECTATIONS

KEEP SAFE ON THE BUS



INSIDE THE BUS

- Listen to the bus driver and show him respect
- Listen to the bus monitor and show him/her respect
- Stay seated at all times
- Speak quietly - no shouting, squealing or swearing
- No eating on the bus
- Respect other passengers - No Pushing or physical force

OUTSIDE THE BUS

- When you get off the bus, wait until the bus has moved away, BEFORE you move off
- Always come around the back of the bus to get on
- Stay back off the road until the bus stops
- Always walk to and from the bus - NO RUNNING

It may be beneficial to run through a few basics with your child..

Especially for those children unfamiliar with bus transportation!

If you have any questions about your children riding a bus to & from school – We are always here to assist you!

AGREEMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

- I will sit down and stay in that seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat or drink on the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will talk in a quiet voice so that I do not distract the bus driver.
- I will stay seated until the bus has stopped.
- I will show respect for Ritchies bus. (I will not stand on seats or vandalise the bus in any way).
- I will listen to the bus driver and do what I am asked at all times.
- I will follow the instructions of the school bus monitors who are there to keep me safe while travelling on the bus.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom.

Parents are expected to support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THE BUS CODE OF CONDUCT:

- I will be placed on a daily report for one week and my parents will be notified immediately.
- If no improvement is evident after one week, contact will be made with my parents to discuss my behaviour further and to outline further consequences which could include:
 - Losing the privilege to travel on the school bus will be withdrawn, and my parents will be required to find alternative transport to get me to and from school.
 - In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on the school bus will be withdrawn immediately.

PARENT / CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITY

Parents and caregivers have the following responsibilities:

- To ensure contact details (especially cell phone numbers) held at the school are up to date.
- To ensure students are at the bus stop 10 minutes before the expected pick up time, families are responsible for students until they are on the bus (This is to ensure the children are safe should something unexpected happen to the bus, such as a breakdown, and it doesn't arrive).
- Families are responsible for students once they have been dropped off and they are off the bus.

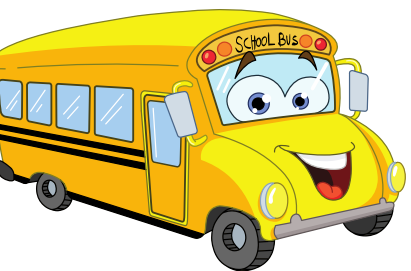
RITCHIES BUSES RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide safe transport to and from school.
- To ensure buses are running on time (with the understanding that factors such as weather, traffic and roadworks are out of Ritchies control),
- To inform the school as soon as is practically possible of any changes to the regular bus service (E.g. Breakdown, accident etc).

PUKEKAWA SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY

- To keep a record of students who board the bus in the afternoon
- To inform families as soon as they practically can of any changes to the bus service once they have been notified by Ritchies.





BUS CODE of CONDUCT AGREEMENT 2025

Once you have read the Code of Conduct Agreement, and understand the consequences if the agreement is not followed....

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE PRIOR TO REQUIRING THIS SERVICE

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YES, we have read, and understand the Code of Conduct Agreement

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YES, we agree to follow the Code of Conduct that is required, and understand the consequences, should we not respect, and follow these terms.

Students Name:

Signed by Guardian:

Bus:

