

Portlethen Academy

Learn and Improve. Get Involved. Think of the Consequences. Respect All.

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you well as we enter the final month of what has been a long year. I am writing to you as parents of pupils who travel to and from school on a contract bus. It has been brought to our attention that a few pupils are being rude and disrespectful towards others whilst on the bus and more recently there has been an incident that has required further intervention. We are working closely with the bus company to ensure the pupils behave responsibly and safely but we ask that you speak with your child about the expectations and then the consequences – we expect all pupils:

- to be seated on the bus, wearing the seatbelt
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/42287/seat-belts-on-school-transport-scotland-act-2017-guidance.pdf>
- to be wearing a face covering whilst travelling on the bus
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-use-of-face-coverings/>
- to treat others with respect

Consequences of following these expectations are that all pupils travel safely to and from school and allows the driver to carry out his job safely too; continuing to wear face coverings will help prevent the spread of Covid-19. If pupils do *not* follow these rules, one consequence would be that they are banned from travelling on the bus for a period of time. It is hoped that it would not come to such a sanction, but pupils and parents should know that it could be considered.

My thanks go to the majority of pupils who do already follow these rules and who look out for others. It is important that we all consider our own reputation and that of the school whilst in the community and do what we should to be proud of Portlethen.

Kind regards

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