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Dear Parents

**Re: Use of public buses by school children travelling to and from Bunscoil Ghaelgagh**

Many parents choose the public bus as a method of transport for their children to travel to and from our school. For each family choosing the bus we have the **School:Home Bus Agreement**. This should instigate home discussion between parent and child and be completed by the parent/guardian. We also ask the child to complete the **Child Agreement**. Both documents form part of this letter.

Ultimately, the child should understand that they are PERSONALLY responsible for getting themselves ready for the bus at the end of each day, so that they can wait at the bus stop WITH the teacher on bus-duty that evening. *(If we feel a child is a danger to themselves or others because of immature behaviour then we would speak to their parents who will be asked to make alternative travel arrangements until the child is old enough to manage the bus).* We feel only children of B3 and B4 should be using the bus service.

**The arrangement for leaving Bunscoil by bus at the end of the day:**

*Travelling to Douglas:* Children travelling to Douglas will be accompanied by the duty-teacher and are taken to the bus shelter opposite the Tynwald pub at 3.25pm on school days. The No. 5 leaves St Johns at 3.32pm. If any child misses the bus they will be taken down to the bus stop near to St Johns School to catch the No. 6A at 3.55pm where they will wait unaccompanied.

*Travelling to Peel and Ramsey:* Children who travel to Peel and Ramsey from just outside the Bunscoil Ghaelgagh (the green shelter), will wait at the stop with another teacher who will wait until the bus has departed.

**The arrangement for coming to Bunscoil for the start of the day:** Parents may wish for their child to travel to school by bus. They should check that the arrival time will allow the child to start the school day punctually.

**We advise against children in Brastylyn 1 and 2 travelling by bus unaccompanied although you may feel they are old enough if there is an older sibling with them. You know your own children and the decision is yours but we reserve the right to review our arrangement with you should we become aware of unsafe or anti-social behavior. If you do decide to use the bus service for your younger child we would always suggest that a responsible adult meet them as they alight so they are not crossing any roads unaccompanied.**

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child's Go School card is adequately credited. In the rare event that a card may not hold credit, we will ensure the child is put onto the bus using our emergency card. Parents should remember that they are responsible for ensuring the children have their bus cards every day they are required. Use of the school card incurs a 50p charge payable the following day directly in the office.

Your children should know before they come to school what the arrangements are for that day. They should clearly know IF they are getting the bus and WHICH bus it is. They should know the stop and the number of the bus. If they struggle with these domestic arrangements then it may be an indicator they are not ready to travel independently.

As in previous years, I would like to thank the staff who give up their own time to manage these bus duties and associated administrative work.

Yours faithfully

Bnr Matthews  
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# School:Home Bus Agreement – Parent completion

\* I would like my child to travel from / to school / on the service bus every night / on particular nights / every morning / on particular mornings

\* *please delete as appropriate*

My child / children name (s):

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will be travelling by bus on the following mornings / evenings (*provide bus number and days of journeys*)

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*I have explained to my child/children the rules for travelling on the bus and waiting at the bus stop and they know that if they do not behave as expected they will not be able to travel by bus for school purposes.*

signed (parent):

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date:

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parent name printed:

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Pupil signature:

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date:

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Pupil name printed:

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