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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you know, we are always looking to improve the 'school experience' for our students; this includes the journey to and from school.

In the summer term the 6th Form Wellbeing Committee carried out a series of informal interviews with students from across the school population. Information gathered showed that whilst the vast majority of students are impeccably well-behaved on the school bus there are a small minority who cause journeys to be disruptive to both other passengers and the driver.

Bus drivers back up these findings citing that on the whole it is a pleasure to drive students from Hanley Castle as they show courtesy to other passengers and thank the drivers as they disembark. However, there remains a small number of students who continue to impact on the safe, pleasant journey to and from school.

In order to improve communication regarding these concerns, from now on there will be a lead member of staff allocated to each bus. This member of staff will take a particular interest in the behaviour of students on this bus and will be the first contact point for any concerns. All students have access to staff email addresses.

Public buses:

365	Great Malvern - Upton	Miss Tandy
333	Upton-Worcester (<i>via St Peters, Norton, Kempsey & Severn Stoke</i>)	Mr Gardiner
363	Worcester-Upton-Tewkesbury (<i>via Callow End, Hanley Swan, Welland</i>)	Mrs Husband

School buses:

UP01	Kempsey (<i>via Ryall</i>)	Mrs Anderson-Kirby
UP02	Kempsey (<i>via Severn Stoke & Earls Croome</i>)	Mr Johnston
UP03	Earls Croome & Ryall	Miss Dunn
UP04	Hollybush (<i>via Castlemorton & Birtsmorton</i>)	Mrs Wheldon
UP05	Welland (<i>via Hanley Swan</i>)	Mrs Mason
UP06	Kempsey (<i>via Baynhall, Kerswell Green, High Green, Kinnersley, Baughton</i>)	Mr Cook
UP07	Twynning (<i>via Ryall Grove, Upper Strensham, Naunton, Uckinghall & Ripple</i>)	Mr Scanlan
UP10	Pendock (<i>via Upton, Longdon, Bushley & Forthampton</i>)	Mr Findlater
UP27	Corse Lawn (<i>via Longdon, Pendock & Eldersfield</i>)	Mrs Cooke
UP30	Welland	Mrs Burrows

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The expectations for behaviour on the buses have been compiled by the 6th Form Student Wellbeing group, after consultation with students from Years 7-13.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students will take all litter home
2. Students will refrain from shouting, screaming or the use of foul language
3. Students will not save seats
4. Students will fill all seats and remain in their seats
5. Students to wear seat belts
6. Students will not distract bus drivers
7. Students will respect each other's possessions
8. Music is only to be played through headphones
9. To be respectful to all passengers including members of the public

Should students choose to behave in a way that does not meet the expectations then sanctions, including short and long term removal from the bus, may be implemented.

I know the safety and wellbeing of your children is of paramount importance to you and that you will be in full support of these new measures.

Yours faithfully



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