



Bus Safety Policy

Réamhrá agus Réasúnaíocht:

This policy was devised in consultation with staff and the Board of Management and also after parental input. It was decided to develop this plan as a result of both staff and parental worry in relation to this topic. It was devised to ensure that best practice is continued within the school.

Aidhmeanna:

- To ensure that safety risks are reduced as much as possible for both staff and students alike on school trips.

Cur Chuige:

- When any teacher or member of staff is booking a bus for any school event, he/she must ensure that there are safety belts on the seats.
- He/she has a duty to ensure this. There are safety belts available on Fingal Coaches (Jimmy Campbell - 8437505). Therefore, these should be approached initially.
- Should it arise that Fingal Coaches are not available, the person organising the trip must check with the company that there are seatbelts on the buses. In the case that they are not, that company will not be used
- Teachers should ensure that students have their belts on before leaving.

Tompar na bpáistí ar an mbus/behaviour on bus:

We expect behaviour of the highest standard from all of children at all times, especially while on a bus/coach and we commend them and their teachers on the fact that this has not been a problem for us in the past. However we wish to make the following clear:

- I. That children must remain seated at all times.
 - II. That seatbelts must be worn at all times.
 - III. That Children must obey the instructions of their teachers at all times.
 - IV. That children may not eat or drink on a bus / coach unless given permission to do so by their teacher.
 - V. That children must enter and exit a bus / coach quietly and in an orderly manner.
 - VI. That children must be mindful of other bus users.
- All bus tours are part of school events and as such, the same school rules apply. If inappropriate or danger behaviour is being carried out, or such that does not comply with the school ethos, the school reserves the right to ask that student to stay at home for the next trip. This is to ensure both his/her own personal safety, and also the safety of the other children on the trip. This will be done in consultation with the school principal.

Daingniú:

- This policy was ratified at the April 2008 board meeting and was implemented immediately.

