

## **School Transport Policy – Appendix 1**

Parents are responsible for supervising their children to/from their designated pick-up point until they board or alight from the vehicle. This may involve crossing roads. It should be noted there may be occasions in exceptional circumstances when the school transport vehicle will be delayed or fail to arrive due to vehicle breakdown or extreme weather conditions.

Parents are responsible at all times for deciding whether it is appropriate to allow their children to wait at the bus pick-up point unsupervised.

While the Council are responsible at all times for the safety of pupils while travelling on vehicles, parents remain responsible for the behaviour of their children while travelling and at the pick-up and drop-off points.

Video camera surveillance may be in operation on vehicles. It should be noted that in cases of extreme or persistent misbehaviour, the Council reserves the right to suspend free travel facilities. Transport arrangements will then become the responsibility of the parents.

Pupils may only travel on the contract vehicles after they have received official permission from the Transport Team.

The Council will not accept liability for any loss or damage to personal property carried on school contract vehicles. Parents may wish to ensure that valuables are insured privately. Contract drivers may refuse to carry large/bulky items or require that they are stowed in the luggage hold.