October 2022

**Bus Code of Conduct**

This agreement is between:

…………………………………………………………….… (student) ………………………………………………………..(Parent or Carer), G H Watts (Bus Operator) and Wigston Academy.

The parent/guardian and the student should ensure that they have read and understood this document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the Bus Driver and all the students travelling on the bus.

I …………………………………………………………………………………………(student) agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

* I understand that in order to use the bus, I will need to show my bus pass.
* While waiting to be signed in and allowed on the bus, I will abide by all normal school rules.
* When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat, wearing my seat belt (if available) facing forward, for the entirety of my journey.
* I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or outside of the bus.
* I will respect other students and their property at all times, (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
* I will use socially acceptable language when talking with the driver and or other students and I will not speak loudly as this may distract the driver.
* I will respect the property of the Bus Operator at all times (e.g. not standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
* I will not behave in any way that could put the driver or other students at risk. Students must remain seated and face in the direction of the seat.
* I will follow the requirements and instructions of the Bus Driver and the Staff responsible for bus duty at all times.
* I will understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my parent/guardian being billed for the cost of repairs.

**All travel must be paid in advance; travel will be refused to students who do not have a valid pass.**

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that parents/guardians will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

**If this Code of Conduct is broken**

Sanctions will be put in place in line with the School Behaviour Policy. Ultimately the student could lose the privilege of travelling on the school bus should they not follow the expectations listed above.

I agree to abide by the conditions of this contract and understand the consequences, including but not limited to, the right to refuse travel if I do not hold a valid pass.

Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………….(student)

Signed……………………………………………………………………………….(parent/carer)  Date……………………….