



Out of School Behaviour Expectations

We are very proud of St Mary's students and what great ambassadors they are of the school community. Our students are expected to be safe and responsible on their journey to and from school and when using any form of transport prioritising safety and ensuring they are polite and courteous at all times. It is essential that students are aware of good conduct and behaviour expectations. We are often complimented on the courtesy and excellent behaviour of our students in particular how well they conduct themselves on the journey to and from school of which we are exceptionally proud.

Very rarely (about 0.1% of the time) we receive a complaint from a member of the public which is a great shame and certainly not reflective of the excellent reputation of our students. This week, all students have attended an Assembly regarding behaviour, conduct and how to keep themselves safe on their journey to and from school. Please see below the clear expectations shared with the students to maintain the excellent behaviour we expect from them.

Walking through Town

- 1) No groups of more than 4 students walking together. Bishops Stortford Town has narrow pavements and students are to be mindful of this to enable other pedestrians to safely pass.
- 2) Students are polite, well-mannered and considerate to other pedestrians/motorists.
- 3) Any students in breach with large groups or behaviour that does not meet expectations will be issued a sanction of alternate day's detention until 5.00pm and daily Morning detentions from 8.15am to 8.45am for two weeks.

Transport Rules

- 1) Students must be respectful and behave appropriately in line with the school rules.
- 2) Students must be at their stop on time, and behave appropriately whilst waiting for the bus/train to arrive.
- 3) Students must sit in their seat and remain seated, (with their seatbelt fastened) for the entire journey. Movement around the bus/train during the journey is not allowed.
- 4) Windows should remain closed to ensure efficient air conditioning in the bus/train.
- 5) Eating and/or drinking on the bus/train are not permitted. Chewing gum is not allowed.
- 6) Students should talk quietly – shouting is not acceptable behaviour, nor is poor language.
- 7) Students may listen to music on electronic devices using headphones only at a level that does not disturb others.
- 8) The driver must not be distracted at any time during the journey.
- 9) Students must not deface or damage the bus/train in any way and must not tamper with safety or emergency equipment, or the exit doors.
- 10) Students should not drop litter and should remove any rubbish from the bus/train before leaving.

Please ensure your child understands the importance of good conduct and behaviour.

Students with a clear record of good conduct will be awarded 25 Merit points per term.