

## Bus policy

We are keen to ensure that our pupils can travel to and from school safely and without being subjected to verbal or physical abuse. If there are instances of poor behaviour on the buses the Alford Schools (Alford Primary, John Spendluffe and Queen Elizabeth's) have a joint policy for action to be taken.

### **The Alford Schools have agreed the following expectations of their pupils when they are travelling to and from school by bus:**

When the bus is in transit there should be no standing or walking around

Use of bad language will not be tolerated

There should be no verbal or physical aggression

No smoking

No possession of potentially dangerous materials such as cigarette lighters, matches, etc

Materials should never be thrown out of windows or around the bus

The bus companies, in collaboration with the schools' prefects, will report badly behaved individuals to their respective school as soon as possible.

Once reported, the agreed policy for sanctions will be applied i.e.

- On the first occasion a verbal warning or recorded detention will be given to the pupil concerned
- On the second occasion a recorded detention may be given, or, for more serious incidents, a letter will be sent to parents warning them that County Transport will be informed, and that any further incidents of poor behaviour will lead to their son/daughter being banned from the school bus for a fixed period/permanently.

In extreme cases, pupils could be excluded from school and/or matters reported to the police.