

PARENTS GUIDE

From 1 September 2015, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has introduced a new Travel Behaviour Code (the Code) for all learners aged 11 to 19 years. The Code sets out the standards of behaviour required of learners and consequently promotes the safeguarding of learners. The Code applies to all learners up to the age of 19 years and applies to all types of travel to and from school or college, whether or

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The Code should form part of a school's behaviour policies and any misbehaviour on the journey to and from school can be dealt with under individual school behaviour policies or by enforcement of the Code or, in very serious cases, by the police.

Parents of learners should ensure their children are aware of and understand the Code. Parents and learners need to be aware of the implications if a learner does not adhere to the Code.

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It is also important that parents are aware of how to report incidents of poor behaviour that impact the safety and well-being of their child – for example, in cases where bullying occurs.

Parents may be asked to sign Travel Behaviour Contracts. These contracts are between learners, parents, transport operators and

Parents are responsible for:

- Help their children understand the Code
- Help their children report incidents
- Encourage their children to comply with the Code in order to ensure school transport is safe for all
- Be aware of the sanctions if the Code is breached, including the removal of transport to and from school and other measures that a school may take if the school's behaviour policy is breached
- Parents are responsible in law for the learner's continued attendance at school if transport is withdrawn
- Co-operate with education institutions, transport operators and local authorities
- Adhere to signed Travel Behaviour Contracts
- Ensure the learner understands the requirement to wear a seatbelt

Sanctions

If a reported incident has been investigated and it has been determined that a learner has breached the Code, the local authority may withdraw the transport it provides. Before a decision to withdraw travel arrangements is made, the learner and the parents of the learner will be given the opportunity to make representations to the local authority. The local authority will consider any representations made and will decide whether to withdraw the transport. If the local authority decides to withdraw the transport, it will inform the learner and the parents of the learner in writing. The local authority will also inform the school of its decision. The local authority will also inform the learner and the parents of the learner of the period of time for which the transport will be withdrawn.

The local authority must give written notice of the withdrawal of travel arrangements to the learner's parents at least 24 hours