

There are a number of issues that seem to regularly cause concern on school transport, so we are writing to remind you of the obligations of parents/guardians and pupils have when using school transport.

- It is essential that every child using school transport has a valid bus pass, either provided by the council or the operator (or a temporary pass/letter from the school if required). This bus pass is to be shown to the driver every time they get on the bus. Failure to produce a bus pass will result in the pupil not being allowed to travel on the bus. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure their child(ren) boards the bus in the morning and if they are refused transport for not having a valid bus pass it is the parent/guardian who is responsible for getting the child to school. A pupil can obtain a temporary bus pass from the school office until a replacement pass has been purchased from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- The wearing of seat belts is governed by the Road Traffic Act 1988 and legislation requires that all pupils travelling on school transport must use the seat belt provided. It is the responsibility of the pupil to ensure they wear their seatbelt. Primary aged pupils will have a passenger assistant on their transport if the vehicle has 16 seats or more and the passenger assistant will double check seatbelts are worn. Vehicles with less than 16 seats on primary school transport – drivers will ensure seatbelt are worn.
- There have been incidents of vandalism and bad behaviour on some buses. Pupils travelling on any service vehicle who misbehave, cause, or risk causing damage or injury to the vehicle, driver or other passengers may have their pass withdrawn. If the behaviour results in repairs being needed to the vehicle, the operator is within their right to pass those costs onto the pupil(s) involved.

http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/school_transport/School-Transport.aspx