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Dear Parents/Carers

Transport to School: Unacceptable Behaviour on Buses

As you are fully aware the 786 afternoon bus service was cancelled last week due to unacceptable behaviour by a small minority of students. Students have left litter, thrown fruit and generally caused a mess on the bus, which was a serious risk to the health and safety of the driver and other pupils. Clearly these are all unacceptable behaviours and could potentially cause further cancellations of the service.

Having met with representatives from the Liverpool City Region Transport Team this morning, we have been able to secure the 786 afternoon bus service to resume as of this afternoon (Monday 7th October 2024). This service will be monitored closely by the bus operators who will continue to share daily reports and CCTV directly with school and the police, if further unacceptable incidents occur. Should this happen again, I cannot guarantee that the service will not be cancelled on a permanent basis.

I am therefore urging you as parents and carers to contact the school with information regarding further issues on admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk. I am asking for your co-operation and that of your child so we can tackle the small minority of students that are making this journey unsafe. I want you to trust that the information we receive will be treated with the upmost confidentiality to ensure anonymity for those reporting incidents.

As stated in my previous correspondence although pupils may not be on the school premises, they remain subject to the behaviour for learning policy while travelling to and from school and ultimately you are responsible for their behaviour. Any incidents of anti-social or unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and this may lead to a pupil being temporarily or permanently suspended from using the service. In some cases, this may also lead to involvement with the Police which may result in prosecution. If a pupil is suspended from using the bus the responsibility of ensuring a pupil attends school regularly remains with parents/carers.

The following is an extract from the school's behaviour for learning policy which clearly outlines the school's power to discipline beyond the school gates. 'Teachers have the statutory power to discipline students for misbehaving outside of the school premises. Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives teachers statutory power to regulate students' behaviour in these circumstances "to such an extent as is reasonable." At Halewood Academy we will impose reasonable sanctions for any student taking part in a school trip, travelling to and from school, wearing school uniform or in some other way identifiable as a student at the school including on social media. This may also apply to students that pose a threat to another student or member of the public or could adversely affect the reputation of the school. These will be subject to a statement(s) being completed or a report from staff, students or member of the public. An investigation will take place and consequences will be imposed that are deemed reasonable in all circumstances.'



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I trust that I have your full support to ensure that all passengers/students that use the public bus service to and from school can travel safely.

Yours Sincerely

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