



Buses Policy

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This policy applies to Early Years Foundation Stage, Junior School and Senior School.

Many girls travel to school on private buses that are organised by Nottingham High School for children at independent schools in Nottingham. Most of these buses load and unload on Baker Street just near the Nottingham Girls' High School. At the end of the day the buses leave at 4.10pm. Methods of payment vary between bus companies and routes cover all parts of the county.

At the beginning and end of the day a link bus takes Hollygirt girls to and from Baker Street.

Girls walking to and from Hollygirt to Baker Street are required to walk in groups of two or more. They must cross Mansfield Road using the pedestrian crossing.

Girls in the Junior School are sent over to the Senior School to meet the senior girls at the end of the school day. (This also applies to girls meeting their elder sisters who are then collected by parents or make their way home by themselves) No junior girl is allowed to make her way home alone unless a note giving permission has been received from the parent.

A senior Hollygirt girl acts as a monitor on each bus. She is expected to:

- Set the standard of acceptable behaviour by being responsible herself.
- Monitor the behaviour of both girls and boys when boarding the bus and on the journey, to ensure that the five point code of conduct is being adhered to.
- Liaise with the teachers responsible for school buses at Hollygirt School, Nottingham Girls' High School and Nottingham Boys' High School, reporting both girls and boys who repeatedly break the Code of Conduct.

It is her job to ensure responsible behaviour among the Hollygirt girls and that the needs of younger girls are catered for. There is a five point Code of Conduct for behaviour on the school buses (agreed by Heads of schools whose pupils use the buses).

Girls and boys using school buses:

1. Must not move around the bus when it is in motion.
2. Must not distract the bus driver's attention in any way during the journey.
3. Must not throw objects around the bus, including paper, and must take all litter home with them.
4. Must not block the aisle with bags.
5. Must behave, and speak, in a courteous and appropriate manner, respectful of other people. This will include keeping noise to an acceptable level, and it may include giving up seats to adult passengers when the bus is used by the general public.

Girls using school buses must sign a form agreeing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Any issues with the school bus service should be directed to Mrs C Winter at Nottingham High School on 0115 845 2217.