INTRODUCTION

All students have the right to safe travel. The School buses offer an opportunity for students to travel to school with their friends. It is essential that all students respect the bus driver and the bus on which they are travelling. If the behaviour of students is to be positively influenced then the responsibility for the behaviour must be shared and this emphasises the need for partnership. Staff, students, parents and the Bus company must work together in partnership to fulfil this policy. We will work hard to deal with any problem that arises, working with all parties to secure any action that needs to be taken.

Students are responsible for their own behaviour and should adhere to the code of conduct in place. Children and young people must understand themselves, that poor behaviour, especially that which puts at risk the safety of any other child, driver or road user will inevitably have consequences.

Assistance with bus travel

A student living more than three miles (safest walking route), from their catchment school (two miles if on free school meals) will be entitled to free bus travel. Applications for the bus pass must be made from Brighton & Hove School Transport, 01273 295196 or email:hometoschooltransport@brighton-hove.gov.uk

If you have a concern with an incident regarding a school bus: Please report any concern to the school on 01273 304086. Please also report your concern to the bus Company on 01273 886200 if it involves a serious offence ie. Assault or serious damage then you should also report the incident to the Police.



ON THE BUS

Students should carry their bus pass / ticket with them whenever they travel to and from school and must be shown to the bus driver on every journey. If it cannot be produced then the driver may refuse entry. Students must not use anyone else's pass or allow another person to use their pass. This is a criminal offence and a bus operator may choose to take action. If a bus pass has been lost/damaged then a fee will be charged for a replacement pass - £5.00 - unless the bus pass was deemed faulty. One Stop Travel (North St, Brighton) and the Bus Depot (Conway Street, Hove) are places where bus passes can be re-issued.

On the bus students must:

- remain seated throughout the journey and use a seatbelt if one is provided.
- not speak to or distract the driver unless there is an emergency.
- not stand in front of the driver on the stairwell. not use emergency exits or doors unless the driver instructs them to, or if there is a genuine emergency.
- not eat, drink or smoke on the bus. not use foul or abusive language to others. Bullying will not be tolerated.
- not throw items or damage the inside or outside of the bus.

In the event of a bus breakdown:

If the bus breaks down or is involved in an accident, students must follow the driver's instructions and not leave the area unless given specific approval by the driver. Students should be aware that many bus operators monitor the behaviour of passengers using CCTV. CCTV footage will be used as evidence if drivers or passengers are hurt or the bus is damaged.

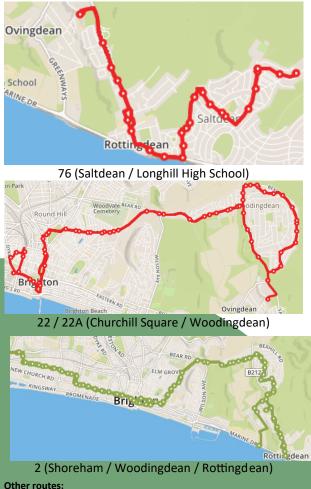


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TRAVEL TO SCHOOL



- Students who are travelling to/from Worthing will need to get the 700 coastliner or the 12X and then transfer to the number 2 bus.
- Students who are travelling to/from Coldean / Moulsecoomb will need to get the 29 bus into the old steine and then transfer to the number 2 bus.
- Students travelling to/from Newhaven will need to get the 12/12A to Peacehaven and then transfer to the number 76A.





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76A (Peacehaven / Longhill High School)

CODE OF CONDUCT

At the end of the school day

The buses arrive and are ready for the students at the end of the school day students must:

- Line up alongside the bus in a straight single file queue ready to show their pass as they get on to the bus. Students getting on the 76 or 76A must also show their priority pass.
- If the bus has not arrived students must line up in their allocated space to wait sensibly for the bus.
- School staff are on duty and will check that all students enter the bus in a safe and orderly manner. Once the bus sets off from school the students should then remain seated and follow the code of conduct.

Bus Bans

As part of its commitment to providing a safe environment for our students, we will issue 1 or 2 week bus bans for students who conduct inappropriate behaviour whilst using the bus. The length of the ban will vary based on the severity of the incident. More serious offences may result in longer bans: Serious damage to vehicle, graffiti, vandalism etc. More serious assault on any person. The operator may also require compensation for any damage caused, and such an offence may also lead to the matter being reported to the Police.

Notification of bans

Parents / Carers will be given 24 hours notice of a ban and may need to consider alternative transport home for their child during this given time.

4pm bus to Whitehawk

We have a bus that leaves school at 4pm that runs to Whitehawk and will drop off students along its route. This is perfect for attending after school clubs and revision sessions.