

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT – Travelling on the bus

General

- This is not a supervised service and is to be considered in exactly the same way as travelling on a public service bus.
- Please arrive at all stops **at least** 10 minutes before departure time – drivers depart promptly when they arrive at a stop, as is not always safe for them to wait.
- The driver will only alter routes in emergencies* and will only stop at designated points.
- The Campus has two stops – The ‘D’ and Equine.
- No Pass– no ride. Please carry your ID card **showing your travel route** at all times or you may not be allowed to travel.
- Some buses have CCTV cameras and others have dashcams which will capture any incidents that may occur. The footage may be used to help resolve any issues on the coach.

Rules of travel – please:

- Do wear seat belts **at all times** – this is the Law!
- Do not distract the driver
- Do not cause any disturbance to fellow passengers
- Do not smoke or vape on board
- Do not eat on board
- Do not move around the bus – stay in your seat unless boarding or alighting
- Do not throw items around
- Do not leave your litter on board
- Do not wear dirty clothing or footwear
- Do not use external speakers – please use personal headphones only for music
- Do not bring animals on board
- Do not behave in an anti-social manner

The college Conduct and Performance policy applies to bus travel which means you could put your course place at risk if you do not follow these rules. You may also have your bus pass suspended or withdrawn and will have to make alternative arrangements to travel into college.

Travelling on the bus is subject to the law under the Public Order Act. Please see overleaf for the law and be aware that with immediate effect we will pass relevant matters on to the Police.

Traffic and weather issues

*Sometimes road traffic or weather conditions may cause delays. Please wait 30 minutes before notifying the college Transport team. When there are obvious severe weather conditions (fog, ice or snow) please check the College website or contact the College directly for an update to see if your bus is running.

If the College is closed we will send a text to advise you, please ensure you keep the College informed of any change to your mobile number.

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint about the bus company, driver or fellow passenger you may complete a feedback form available from Student Services. All complaints are treated confidentially but we will inform you of the outcome.

How public order offences are categorised under the law

Public order offences, which vary from littering to violence, include crimes and anti-social behaviour. Anti-social behaviour is defined in law as behaviour which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm and distress to others.

Violent and threatening behaviour

The Public Order Act 1986 sets out the most serious disorder offences. Penalties for most of these include imprisonment and/or fines.

The Public Order Act also covers exclusion orders against trouble makers from football venues and public transport.

The Criminal Damage Act 1971 covers:

- criminal damage to property
- criminal damage with intent to endanger life

The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 protects those that have suffered harassment on at least two occasions or more.

Lesser offences

The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 sets out ten offences, for which fines, or Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND), can be issued.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 sets the lower age limit for PNDs at 16 years, while smaller fines can be issued in Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to young people from the age of ten.

FPNs can be used for offences such as:

- littering
- graffiti
- noise nuisance

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the conditions for ASBOs.

The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 sets out the conditions for drinking banning orders and alcohol exclusion zones.