

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL

## BUS CODE OF CONDUCT 2024

### GO BUS REMINDERS FOR CAREGIVERS

- It is their responsibility to get their children to pick-up locations and to collect them from drop-off locations.
- It is recommended they arrive at the bus stop locations at least 5 minutes prior to the time advised by the bus provider.
- They should stay with their children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning and meet them in the afternoon as they get off the bus.
- To abide by the Eketāhuna School 'Parent Code of Conduct'

Please read the Bus Code of Conduct below, discuss it with your whanau, sign it and send it back to school as soon as possible. Thanks 😊



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### BUS TRANSPORT CODE OF CONDUCT - EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL

My family and I understand and accept the following school bus rules.

I will:

- sit down quietly in my seat
- put my bag on the floor or on my knees
- wear my seatbelt, if there is one, and stay in my seat while the bus is moving
- wait until the bus stops before I leave my seat
- walk quietly from the bus when I get off

I will not:

- throw anything out of the windows
- eat or drink on the bus
- distract the driver while the bus is moving
- be disruptive or annoying to other passengers.
- use my cell phone or other digital device while travelling

If I have a concern, I will tell the Bus Monitor or bus driver.

If I misbehave on the bus, the Bus Monitor/Bus Driver may report it, and I may be shifted to a different seat on the bus, or excluded from travelling on the bus for either a set time or indefinitely.

**STUDENT NAME:**

**PARENT NAME:**

Signature

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Date / /

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- To discuss any school transport related issues with you in the first instance.

## **PREPARE FOR DISRUPTION OF BUSES - RED SETTING FOR COVID**

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 is likely to have a significant impact on our communities over the coming months. One of the groups that will be affected is our school transport drivers on school buses. It is highly likely that some school transport services will need to be cancelled at very short notice due to drivers being unavailable (either by having contracted Covid-19 or by being a close contact of a Covid-19 positive person) and it is unlikely that there will be replacement drivers readily available.

In the event that a driver is identified as a Covid-19 positive case, we would work closely with the Ministry of Health on the appropriate next steps, including whether the students on that bus need to self-isolate.

It is important that caregivers are prepared for the possibility that their school transport service could be cancelled at some point over the next few months and that they'll need to have their own plan in place for transporting their children to and from school in the event of their school transport not operating.

Your transport service provider has been instructed to let your school know as early as they can if a bus service is going to be cancelled. They have also been instructed to let your school know the duration that they expect the service to be cancelled for. Your school would pass on this information to affected students and caregivers as soon as possible.

The Ministry is offering a Conveyance Allowance to support those eligible students whose school transport service has been cancelled for five days or more. More information around this process will be made available should this eventuate.

Thank you for your assistance in getting prepared for the potential disruption in your school transport services.