Ladbrooks School Policy Guidelines for Child Motor Vehicle Passenger Restraint

Goal:
Child Passenger safety is an important aspect of road safety education, which is a shared responsibility between the school and parents. This policy guideline will support our school's overall road safety policy, help reduce children's risk of injury, and support their wellbeing.

Purpose:
1.To support road safety awareness at all levels throughout the school.

2.To encourage road safety and injury prevention behaviours among children as they travel to and from school.

3.To encourage parents to model and reinforce messages taught at school.

Guidelines:
School staff, parents, caregivers and students travelling on school related trips will be guided by the following policies:

•Child restraints are mandatory for all children under seven (until their seventh birthday) when travelling on school related trips in privately owned motor vehicles, including minivans and shuttle buses.

•Children 7 years and under must use an approved restraint which parents will provide when travelling in privately owned motor vehicles, including privately owned minivans and shuttle buses. It is the parent's responsibility to provide an approved booster seat for children who are over 7 and under 148cm who are accustomed to using a seat.

•Children must travel in the back seats unless these are already occupied by other children. The tallest child should travel in the front seat, and the seat should be moved as far back as possible. Children's back packs will be removed and safely stored either on the floor or in the vehicle boot/ storage facility.

•Seat belts must remain fastened until the vehicle is safely parked.

•If children are travelling in privately owned motor vehicles, completion of the school's child passenger safety contract is part of the school trip planning procedure.

Parent/Caregiver Statement

- I have read and understand the school child passenger safety policy as it relates to school trips.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to supply an approved restraint or booster seat appropriate for my child's age and size, where needed, in terms of the above guidelines.

Name of parent _____

Signature _____

Date _____