

Terms & Conditions

1. This agreement is made between all pupils who travel on the school bus service, their parents and George Watson's College in order to provide safe and comfortable journeys for all passengers.
2. All pupils and parents must read and agree to adhere to the rules set out in the '**George Watson's College School Bus Service - Code of Conduct for Pupils**'.
3. Arrangements for pupils' journeys to and from school are the responsibility of their parents. To assist with discharging this responsibility, George Watson's College provides a school bus service.
4. Transport on the school bus service must be arranged in advance and paid for via the Extras Account.
5. Pupils will be charged for using the service regardless of whether they travel. Bookings may be cancelled without penalty until 9am on the day prior to the day of travel.
6. Bookings are to be made online via the online booking system at gwc.vectare.co.uk
7. Each pupil, for whom an online booking has been made, will be added to a passenger list detailing the service they travel on, their bus stop and what travel has been booked.
8. It is the parents responsibility to inform Vectare, via the **Contact Us** form on gwc.vectare.co.uk if they no longer wish for their child to use the school bus service.
9. If you wish for your child to use the school bus service on an ad hoc basis, or to vary the details of their travel as a one-off, you should register and book a seat on gwc.vectare.co.uk
10. No pupil is permitted to travel on the school bus service if they are not pre-booked for the bus that they wish to travel on. Other arrangements for journeys to and from school must be made by them or their parents.
11. Good conduct is required at all times. Bullying, shouting, use of offensive language, dropping litter, playing music without headphones, or any other misbehaviour is not permitted.
12. Except when embarking or disembarking, or when asked to move to a different seat in accordance with condition 13, all passengers must remain seated with their seatbelts fastened correctly.
13. Whilst on a school bus, all passengers must follow the instructions of the bus driver or member of George Watson's College staff, who may require them to pick up litter, desist from certain actions or to move to a different seat.
14. Bus drivers and George Watson's College cannot take responsibility for ensuring pupils get off the bus at the correct stop.
15. Pupil ID cards must be carried at all times and used to swipe on and off the school bus to register their journey.
16. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the school bus service.
17. In the event of a cancellation of a school bus service due to circumstances such as bad weather, a parent must be contactable to ensure appropriate alternative travel/ collection arrangements are in place.
18. George Watson's College aims to ensure that school buses run on time. However, traffic conditions or unforeseen circumstances may cause delays. Drivers will not wait past the scheduled departure time at any bus stop.