

# STUDENT VEHICLE USE POLICY

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## INTRODUCTION

The management of the school fully acknowledge that in certain instances it may be necessary for students to drive to and from school. If students are being afforded this responsibility, then it is very important that they treat this responsibility with maturity and a strong awareness of safety. The first priority of the school is the welfare of all students in our care. The purpose of this policy is to outline the guidelines within which students who have the use of a car must conform.

## DRIVERS

1. Students must drive in a responsible manner at all times, following all road rules and showing due courtesy to and respect for the safety of all other road users.
2. Students must park their cars in a responsible and safe manner and must not obstruct the property of the residents within the vicinity of the school.
3. ***Cars must remain parked for the duration of the school day. Students are not permitted to use their car during school hours, this includes lunch time and P.E. times.***
4. Students are not permitted to go to their car for any reason or at any stage during the school day.

## PASSENGERS

Mostly due to distraction and peer pressure, serious car accidents involving young drivers occur more frequently when there are passengers in the car. It is important to note that the school is not in a position to constantly monitor students in cars and it is therefore imperative that Parents provide clear direction to their son(s) in strictly adhering to this policy.

***For safety reasons the school directs that passengers are not permitted in cars driven by other students at any time during the school day and would strongly recommend that passengers are not permitted between school and home.***

Likewise, we would strongly advise students not to accept lifts in cars driven by other students, friends or inexperienced drivers.

## BREACH OF SCHOOL POLICY

**DRIVERS:** Students who drive to school and who in any way breach this policy will be suspended for a **minimum of 2 days**. Complaints received by the school in relation to students driving may also incur a suspension.

**PASSENGERS:** Students who are found to be passengers in cars driven by other students, friends or inexperienced drivers may also be subject to suspension.

The support of all concerned parties in ensuring the safety of all students within our collective care is greatly appreciated by the school and this policy is a positive step towards the safety of all.



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