



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

2021 Bus Contract Information

Karaka School is very lucky to be able to provide students with the opportunity to catch a bus to and from school. As a school, we monitor the behaviour of our students (teacher in charge, bus monitors, bus boards, regular contact with bus drivers and attending Transport Bus Meetings with other local schools and the bus company).

To support our great learners to make great choices, we have this handy bus contract to ensure expectations and consequences are made clear.

Students of Karaka are expected to uphold our school's LEARN values at all times.

If a student's behaviour is not in line with our school values, appropriate action will be taken.

Bus Expectations:

1. Children must remain seated at all times. The seat they choose (or are allocated) is the seat they stay in for the duration of the trip.
2. Food and drink are not to be consumed on the bus.
3. Children must wear footwear on the bus.
4. No inappropriate or distracting gestures to be made out of the windows.
5. Children will respect the rights of others (inappropriate language or conversations, name calling, verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated).
6. Children will treat the bus driver and bus monitors with respect.

All incidents of misbehaviour (as reported by the bus driver or monitors) are to be made to Mr Dyer. Should a child's behaviour be found unacceptable and/or endangering their own or others health and safety, the following steps will take place:

- Step 1: The child will be given a verbal warning and the parent will be advised.
- Step 2: The child will be withdrawn from the bus for a period of up to three weeks.
- Step 3: Should misbehaviour continue, the student will lose the right to travel to and from school by bus.

Sensible and considerate bus behaviour that is representative of our school values will be rewarded with a "Caught Being Good" ticket or house token.

It is also very important that parents notify the school if your child is NOT travelling on the bus on a certain day.

It is advisable to have a responsible adult waiting to meet your child off the bus each afternoon to ensure all children arrive home safely.

Every child (and the bus driver) deserve the right to feel safe whilst travelling on the bus - let's work together to ensure 2021 is a successful transport year for Karaka School.

Please read the information in this contract, sign and return to the school office by Friday 5th February. The signed contract will be kept on file.

S. Hynds (Principal) and J Dyer (Deputy Principal).



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My child _____ (name) and I have read and understand the Bus Contract. My child agrees to follow the expectations and accepts that there are consequences if any of the expectations are not met. I, as the child's caregiver, will support the school in ensuring my child adheres to the Bus Expectations.

Signed: _____ (child)

Signed: _____ (parent/caregiver)

Date: _____