



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Re: Behaviour on buses/to and from school**

I am writing to ask for your continued support regarding the conduct of students travelling to and from school, particularly but not isolated to, those travelling on the school buses.

In recent weeks, the school has been in receipt of a number of disappointing messages relating to the poor conduct of some students. These have included general poor or anti-social behaviour, using offensive language and even dangerous conduct on the buses. These behaviours do not reflect the values of our school community and fall below the expectations we have of all of our students. Moreover, some of these behaviours are putting other members of our community at risk of harm and cannot be tolerated.

Our policy is clear about the sanctions that we can impose on students at these times. It states:

*Non-criminal poor behaviour and/or bullying which occurs off the School premises, and which is witnessed by a staff member or reported to the School, may also be considered as grounds for sanctions as outlined within this policy. In such cases, incidents will be reviewed, and sanctions imposed in the same way as if the incident had happened in school (including and up to exclusion).*

I should also add that Reading Buses are an independent company, who themselves have further sanctions available to them that are beyond our influence. These include referring matters to the police and banning your son/daughter from travelling on their buses.

I appreciate the frustration that letters such as this one can cause, especially to the majority of our students who behave impeccably. However, I would appreciate your support in taking a little time to discuss this matter at home and remind your son/daughter of our joint expectations of them and the potential consequences of poor conduct and especially dangerous behaviour. We will be reminding students of our expectations through Tutor sessions and in assemblies over the next week.

Yours faithfully

Richard Hawthorne  
Acting Head of School