



2 March 2018

Student Bus Travel Approval 2018

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those many parents who have followed the Bus Application process and forwarded me their individual concerns in regards to our current School Transport Policy. Your feedback and respectful approach has allowed Clare High School to put forward our collective concerns around the "less than 5km from your school" condition.

As a result, as Principal of the bus management school, I have been given approval from our Education Director, Neil White, to independently assess each application. This acknowledgement of our particular situation within the Clare community is a huge step forward in being able to support our families.

However, the following is still extremely important to ensure we maintain the safety of all students accessing the DECD buses:

- You must submit a bus travel application for 2018, to include your particular reasons for requesting bus approval.
- If you live within 5km of your school, you are not eligible to travel on buses but can be given a provisional pass while there is a seat available.
- You will be asked to sign a letter of acknowledgement to indicate your understanding of being given a 'provisional pass' before access is given.
- A bus pass will be allocated to be presented when boarding for each trip.
- If you get on a bus without permission the driver will ask you to get off.
- NOTE: there is still an option for a bus pass for occasional bus travellers.

This positive outcome acknowledges the unique circumstances of our families living in a rural community and allows for a common sense approach.

Once again I thank the families for their support in this matter.

Regards,

Sharryn Daly
Principal



Permission for Transport of Ineligible Students on a School Bus

In accordance with the Department of Education and Child Development's (DECD) *School Transport Policy*, Principals may approve non-entitled students to travel on existing school buses under certain conditions.

Non-entitled students include:

- students living within 5 kilometres of their "school of right"

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I (parent/caregiver) acknowledge and understand that by requesting that my child/ren travel on the school bus route for the 2018 school year, approval is bound by the following criteria:

- that such approval will not involve the provision of any additional bus service
- that bus routes are not altered to suit the needs of ineligible students
- that the bus has room for the ineligible travellers
- that approval could be withdrawn at short notice if conditions change (for example, if the numbers of eligible travellers increases)
- that such approval is applied for annually, as required.

Parent's signature:

Date: / /

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The following ineligible students are approved for travel on the school bus route for the 2018 school year between &

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Bus pass is attached and must be shown to the driver on boarding.
NOTE: If your bus pass is not shown, you will not be given access.

Principal:

Date: / /

