

## **Use of Transport Policy**

The rules put in place and agreed by any/all users are to be followed.

- Only music from the radio on the bus, which is to be chosen by the driver, is to be played on the bus. However if any person(s) choose to listen to their own music they are expected to have and use their own headphones.
- There is a 100% no swearing rule
- Any arguing is to be avoided and regardless of blame any person(s) involved in an argument will be treated the same.
- No touching any of the following unless permission is given.
  - 1. Any other people
  - 2. Any belongings not belonging to yourself
- Do not move belongings that are not yours unless instructed to do so by staff or the owner of the belongings.
- You must <u>follow the rules at all times</u> this is your own responsibility and it is for your safety. The law on the use of seatbelts is simple
  - 1. You must wear a seat belt if one is fitted in the seat you're using (all seats provided by 'Breaks and Mates' have working seatbelts)
  - 2. You're also only allowed 1 person in each seat fitted with a seat belt (do not sit on other people laps)
  - 3. FACT if the vehicle you are in has a crash whilst you are in it and you do not have a seatbelt on you put yourself and others at risk. 'Breaks and Mates' take no responsibility for the use of seatbelts and cannot aid or change the law if the vehicle you're in gets pulled over by the police because you don't have a seatbelt on!
- You take full responsibility for yourself



## Warnings and Suspension

If you get a first warning, a call will be made to your parent/carer either immediately or at a later time, this will be informing your parent/carer about what has happened and that you have one more warning. Should any more rules be broken your transport can and will be suspended after your drop off home.

You will still be able to go to the activities/events however you will not be able to use transport for the next three activities/events. After the third activity/event the transport will be available again.

After this you will then have zero chances or warnings thus meaning any rule breaks will result in a total loss of transport.

Young adults and <u>parents/guardians</u> are expected to sign TWO copies of the rules, of which one will be retained by 'Breaks and Mates'. Young adults are expected to verbally agree to the rules each time before leaving their property.

This should be done by:

Person at the door from 'Breaks and Mates' asking 'Do you agree to the 'Breaks and Mates' rules and take full responsibility for yourself on the transport?' You should then reply 'Yes'

The new rules and policies have become necessary to be put in place due to the fact that there has been inappropriate behaviour on the transport provided by 'Breaks with Mates'.

Cause for concern has also been raised by staff and other users of the transport regarding aggression, inappropriate behaviour and language on the bus. This has compromised the position of the driver, hence the necessity for these rules.

We herby confirm and agree the Policy

Signed: Dated: Signed: Dated: Denise Nygate CEO Neil Woodbridge Trustee

I agree to abide to the rules set out in the Transport Policy:

<u>Service User</u> Parent/Guardian/Carer Signed: Dated: Signed: Dated:

Name: Name:

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