Safety Tips for Parents and Carers

- Meet younger children at the bust stop.
- If driving, then park in a safe place away from the bus stop, so that you do not block the approach or departure for the bus.
- Park, where possible, on the same side as the bus stop, so that your children do not have to cross the road to meet you.
- Walk with your children across the road and show them how to cross safely:
  - STOP one step back from the edge of the road
  - LOOK & LISTEN for approaching traffic
  - THINK about whether it is safe before you decide to cross

Make plans for when things go wrong:

- Your child misses the bus, it is late or does not arrive
- They lose their ticket, money or concession pass
- Leave their belongings on the bus
- They get confused and miss their usual stop
- They have forgotten to tell you about an after school event

Does your child know what to do?

The solution may involve something as simple as making sure they have a phone-card or the money for a call (and know where the nearest phone is), so they can call you or another family member or friend.

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Always do the right thing to ensure your own safety and the safety and rights of other passengers.

Waiting for the Bus
- Get to the bus stop on time
- Wait patiently and keep a safe distance away from the edge of the road
- Wait until the bus has stopped before boarding
- Wait until other passengers get off before trying to get on
- Form a line and get on the bus in an orderly manner

Travelling on the Bus
- Find a seat, if you can, and remain seated while the bus is moving
- Give your seat to older people or those with a disability, etc
- If you have to stand, then hold on to a handrail or handle
- Keep clear of doors, doorways and emergency exits
- Talk with your friends, but keep the noise down to a respectable level
- Avoid doing anything that may distract the driver
- School bags should be put in the correct place, such as on racks or under the seat and clear of the walkways
- Wait until you get off the bus before you eat and drink
- Don't leave rubbish behind in the bus
- Respect the property of others
- Wear seat belts where

Getting off the Bus
- Wait until the bus has stopped before moving towards the door
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner
- Move to a safe distance away from the bus and wait for the bus to leave

Act responsibly - show respect for the driver and other passengers

Crossing the Road
- Wait until the bus has moved well away from the stop and will not block your view of traffic.
- Choose a safe place to cross. This may not be at the bus stop, but further away where you have a clearer view of approaching traffic. Always use a pedestrian or school crossing, where possible.
- STOP one step back from the edge of the road
- LOOK & LISTEN for approaching traffic
- THINK about whether it is safe before you decide to cross
- Hold the hands of any younger children crossing the road with you.

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