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Dear Parents/Carers of children who travel by bus,

There has been cause recently to review the safeguarding of our children who travel to and from school by bus. In reviewing procedures it has become apparent that children are not always accompanied to the bus stop or met at the bus stop by a responsible adult when travelling to and from school. This is of great concern to us since the care of your child is paramount from the start of the school day to the end.

Please can you read the enclosed document, in particular **'Take them'** and **'Meet them'** on the parents' page. The drivers of our bus are now instructed not to drop children off when there is not an adult present to meet them. Should this happen, then a strict protocol is followed:

- Bus waits for 5 minutes
- If no parent turns up, Bus continues on route
- Bus will return to the stop at the end of the route, if no one is still there, bus will return child to school.
- On the event that the school is closed, bus driver contact Dorset County Council for instruction or take child to the nearest police station.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any further questions concerning this or if you believe that your child (at the upper end of the school) can be given the responsibility of getting home unaccompanied and I will be happy to discuss further with you.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding that the safety of our children is our top priority,

Anne Crumpler

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