



GMIS BUS POLICY

GMIS is committed to ensuring the safety, comfort, and efficiency of our students' commute. To achieve this, it is essential that both parents and students adhere strictly to the bus policy. Compliance with these guidelines ensures smooth school operations and a safe travel experience for all.

Parent Obligations

1. Parents must drop off and pick up their child/children on time according to the updated school bus timetable available on ManageBac. The bus will depart on schedule and **will not wait for latecomers.**
2. Parents must arrive at the allocated bus stop at least **5 minutes before** the scheduled arrival time.
3. A live tracking device has been installed in our bus, a service that distinguishes GMIS from other international schools. **Parents' lateness causes major disruptions**, affecting the entire bus schedule and overall traffic, as well as delaying all students' arrival at school.
4. **Parents are strictly prohibited from requesting, demanding, or instructing the bus driver to wait.** Any violation of this rule will result in a fine and possible suspension from the bus service.
5. If a different parent is to collect a child from the bus stop, an email request must be submitted **at least 5 days in advance** to the homeroom tutor. **WhatsApp messages and phone calls will not be accepted.**
6. Requests for a child to be dropped at a different location must also be submitted **5 days in advance** to the homeroom tutor. **WhatsApp messages and phone calls will not be accepted.**
7. **Only one parent of a nursery student is allowed to board the bus** to fasten their child's seatbelt and must leave immediately after.
8. Children prone to motion sickness or those who have had breakfast/milk before boarding may experience nausea. Parents are encouraged to send an email requesting school-provided breakfast, a complimentary service offered by GMIS.
9. GMIS **cannot stop at public bus stops**, as public buses take priority. Parents' tardiness may result in fines, which will be passed on to the responsible parent. Repeated violations may lead to permanent suspension from the bus service.
10. **Traffic congestion, roadblocks, accidents, or roadworks are beyond GMIS's control.**
11. Students are required to wear seat belts at all times, as per Dutch law. Non-compliance will result in: a. A verbal warning. b. A first written warning to the parent. c. If the behavior persists, the student will be barred from using the bus service.
12. **Abusive or aggressive behavior from parents will not be tolerated.** Any concerns should be communicated via email: enquiry@gmischol.nl.



Student Obligations

13. All students will be assigned a **designated seat**, which they must use at all times. **Seat swapping is not allowed.**
 14. Students must listen to the bus driver and follow all instructions. The driver has the same authority as a classroom teacher.
 15. Students are responsible for maintaining cleanliness on the bus. **Eating or drinking is not permitted.**
 16. Students must **keep their voices low** to ensure the driver can focus on the road.
 17. **Damaging bus seats or equipment is strictly prohibited.** Any damage caused by a student will result in a fine for repairs or replacements.
 18. Students must wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding or exiting. **Preschool children have priority over primary-grade students.**
 19. Throwing objects **inside or outside the bus** is prohibited.
 20. **Profanity, abusive language, rude gestures, or spitting** will not be tolerated.
 21. The following items are not allowed on the bus:
 - Large musical instruments
 - Animals
 - Balloons
 - Glass containers or objects
 - Large school projects
 22. Students may only exit the bus at their assigned stop or at school, unless permission is granted by the driver.
 23. **Unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion is discouraged.**
 24. Students must not touch the **emergency equipment** on the bus.
 25. Ventilation windows should only be opened **with the driver's permission.**
- By following this policy, we can ensure a safe and efficient transportation experience for all students.
Thank you for your cooperation!