



TRANSPORTATION POLICY

John Knox Christian School is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students.

The conduct and attitude of students riding the bus are important, as it is an environment in which they can glorify the Lord and be a blessing to fellow students, the bus driver, and others on the road and in the community

Parents are expected to:

- Inform the school in a timely manner should bus service be desired or bus service discontinued.
- Provide important health information the school and bus driver should be aware of.
- Arrange for students to be at their assigned stop on time (5 minutes early).
- Arrange for students to be met by a responsible adult at the end of the day unless otherwise communicated to the school (by providing standing written permission to allow their child to disembark without being met by a responsible adult).
- Communicate any changes to normal riding habits to the school in a timely manner.

When riding on the bus the students are expected to:

- Respect God, fellow students, the bus driver, and other people on the road and in the community.
- Respect the rules in place for a safe riding experience - board and depart the bus safely, stay seated, respect the seating plan in place, do not eat or drink, do not open windows and, if open, do not put arms or head outside or throw objects outside, do not leave garbage, maintain clear aisles, do not touch safety equipment, and do not distract the bus driver.

All discipline issues reported by the bus driver are handled by the Vice-Principal. The Vice-Principal works closely with the bus driver, student, and parents to help students understand the importance of following the rules for safe bus riding and respecting others. Repeated misconduct may result in a temporary or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges.

Bus routes, stops, and stop times are communicated to parents approximately two weeks prior to the start of school. After the original routes are set, families requesting bus service will be provided with an existing stop. Stops are located an average of five minutes walking distance from home. The exceptions to this rule are kindergarten students and a student with a disability.

Significant delays in bus service will be reported to parents by the Vice-Principal.

Any alteration or cancellation of school due to inclement weather will be reported to parents via a phone call. Cancellations will also be posted on the school website.

The bus service boundaries are as follows: Dixie Road to the east, Burloak Drive to the west, Derry Road to the north, and Lake Ontario to the south.

The bus company forms the routes of families who have requested transportation inside those boundaries. All families outside those boundaries may access the bus routes by bringing their child(ren) to an existing planned bus stop. Bus travel ride windows seek to provide service normally no longer than one and one-half hours one way.

If families reside outside the boundaries, there is an optional additional cost to continue receiving service within the five-minute walking distance. The cost is \$0.65 per kilometre. Due to excess distance, the ride times may also exceed regular service times. All extended route requests will be reviewed in conjunction with the bus provider to determine eligibility given internal constraints.

**** Grandfathered stops**

Due to the recent introduction of these boundaries, families who have had stops outside those boundaries will continue to receive use of these stops. All new-to-bus families are welcome to use one of the “Grandfathered” stops until that stop is no longer needed, at which point, those families will need to transition to a stop within the boundary area.