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### Bus Safety:

The kids are going back to school soon. Here are some hints on how to keep them safe at the bus stop.

Allow enough time to get to the bus stop without having to run or take risks in traffic.

Where the children have to walk on the street or road, always walk single file, on the left facing traffic.

While waiting for the bus to arrive there should be no pushing or shoving as this is dangerous.

Some bus stops have students ranging in age from kindergarten to Grade 12. The younger ones could get pushed around so it is always a good idea for a mature student to be assigned a supervisory role.

When the bus arrives children should stay well back until the bus comes to a complete stop.

Boarding the bus should be done single file with the youngest children going first.

Students should take their seats immediately and the noise level should be kept to a minimum.

Keep feet, books, packages, coats and other objects out of the aisle.

Horseplay is not permitted on the bus as this will distract the driver and can cause an accident.

Once the bus has reached the destination children should remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.

Students seated in front of you should leave the bus before you do.

When leaving the bus students should use the hand rail at all times. This could prevent slipping on the stairs or falling if pushed from behind.

If you must cross the street in front of the bus, you should walk ahead of the bus about three metres and wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross.

Give the bus driver respect and courtesy.

All following and approaching traffic must STOP for a school bus with flashing red lights. You must wait until the lights stop flashing before proceeding with your vehicle.

For your own peace of mind, and that of parents, remember, to keep the children safe.

They are everyone's responsibility.