



### Bus Routes 2016

Dear Parents

Waterstone has two bus routes that are currently on offer. Our busses serve the Meyersdal and Vereeniging areas. Please see more details on the table below:

Bus Route	Morning Route	Late afternoon Route
<b>Vereeniging:</b> Arcon Park Checkers Centre	Departs Arcon Park Checkers at 6:30 Arrives at Waterstone at 7:15	Departs Waterstone at 16:30 Arrives at Arcon Park Checkers at 17:15
<b>Meyersdal:</b> Meyersdal Mall and Sharondale Nursery	Departs Meyersdal Mall at 6:45 Departs Sharondale at 7:00 Arrives at Waterstone at 7:20	Departs Waterstone at 16:30 Arrives at Sharondale at 16:50 Arrives at Meyersdal Mall at 17:05

#### Cost of Routes offered:

Vereeniging:

R1400.00 per month which includes morning and afternoon trips. Number limited to 65 children.

Meyersdal:

R1400.00 per month which includes morning and afternoon trips. Number limited to 22 children.

#### Further Information:

Sometimes it happens that parents are not at the bus stops on time. The bus drivers have instruction to wait only 5 minutes at bus stops. They also have the responsibility to get the other learners at their bus stops on time. Should it happen that a learner is not picked up on time, the learner will be taken back to school where the parent then has to pick him/her up.

Please note that we require parents to sign up and commit to the bus service for a minimum of a term. A full calendar months' notice in writing is required for cancellations one month prior to the end of a term for the following term.

Please contact Miss Bailey should you have any queries. ([Kerry.b01@curro.co.za](mailto:Kerry.b01@curro.co.za)).

Warm Regards

K. Bailey  
Deputy Principal

V. Rorich  
Executive Head

## BUS RULES FOR LEARNERS 2016

It is important to have rules for the bus service to ensure the safety of the learners. All parents must please discuss these with their children.

1. Every learner seated on the bus **MUST** wear the safety belt. It should be adjusted to fit snugly around the learner's waist. Female and male learners will assist younger learners who struggle to do this.
2. Learners must be seated at all times and may not walk or play around in the bus, unless a teacher or the bus driver requests a learner to move to the front.
3. Learners may not kneel on the seats. Learners must refrain from putting their feet on the seats, on the backrest of a seat or the sides of the bus.
4. **LEARNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO SIT ON THE DRIVER'S SEAT.**
5. The practice of "booking seats for friends" will not be tolerated. Seating will be on a "first-come", first-serve" basis.
6. Learners may not play music on their cell phones, unless they have earphones. Should learners wish to use the bus music system, they must request this **BEFORE** the bus departs and only if the bus driver/ teacher have approved the content of the music. Should the music be offensive or inappropriate, the learner's music will be stopped. The music that is played on the bus must be of a pleasant and relaxing nature.
7. No litter or any other miscellaneous items may be thrown around on the bus.
8. Learners are not allowed to eat or drink juice and/or cool drink on the bus.
9. No glass bottles are allowed on the bus. Learners may however have water in plastic sport bottles with them.
10. No chewing gum is allowed on the bus.
11. Under no circumstances, may learners cause damage to the bus. Should this occur, however, disciplinary and immediate steps will be taken.
12. Learners may not hang out of the windows, throw any items out of the windows or show any inappropriate signs to passing motorists.
13. Learners should always keep in mind that they are representative of Waterstone College, and their general conduct in public and especially at the designated arrival and departure points should be exemplary.
14. Older learners should be mindful of their behaviour and not display any suggestive behaviour toward the opposite sex. Do remember that there are younger learners on the bus who are very impressionable.
15. **LEARNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SEATED 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE BUS DEPARTS.**
16. Prior to departure, learners may not clamber on and off the bus repeatedly. If on the bus, stay on!
17. Prior to departure, learners must refrain from playing in the parking area of the school or shopping centres.
18. When the bus has arrived at the designated bus stop in the afternoon, learners must collect their bags and move to their family cars/appointed drivers, quickly and safely. No visiting or loitering in the parking area will be allowed.
19. No school bags are allowed on the bus, except bags containing breakable items such as class projects and private clothes. These bags will be left with the driver in front.
20. Sports equipment and other apparatus learners might need as part of their extra-curricular activities, will be kept for safekeeping with the driver in front of the bus. On entering the bus, learners must place their equipment in an upright and safe position.
21. Learners may not distract the bus driver, unless it is an emergency.
22. Learners may not yell, use profane language or spit at each other.
23. Learners should refrain from engaging with each other in rough and tumble play, as this always leads to someone getting hurt.
24. Learners, who misbehave on the bus, will be separated from their friend and moved from their original seat to another seat closer to the front.
25. Their behaviour will be reported to their parents and the principal of the school.
26. Continued misbehaviour will lead to a learner losing the privilege of utilizing the bus service.
27. We have a **ZERO TOLERANCE** to fighting and this will be dealt with immediately and decisively. No physical or verbal abuse will be tolerated: there is no need for any learner assaulting another learner.
28. Leaders have been selected and appointed to help with packing and unpacking of schoolbags in the morning and in the afternoon. They will continue to receive training in the correct packing procedure.
29. Other learners are to remain seated until all bags have been unpacked.
30. Learners may not "hang out" at the bus during school breaks.
31. Learners will, alongside the staff, help to maintain order in the bus.
32. The bus may only stop at designated stops.
33. The bus may not stop alongside the road **FOR ANY REASON** other than a medical emergency or mechanical breakdown. Should the bus be required to stop, it will only do so when it is safe.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to Miss Bailey.

**BUS ROUTE REPLY SLIP**

I \_\_\_\_\_ parent of

\_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge receipt of this document regard the rules of the bus.

I understand the content thereof and have communicated and confirmed this with my child.

We collectively endeavour to uphold these rules to the best of our ability.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Transport Route Selected:

Name of learner: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of learner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact number of parents: Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus routes: Morning: \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_

I will fetch \_\_\_\_\_ (child/children's names) at the bus stop.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: Parent /Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



