

SIXTH FORM DRIVING POLICY

Policy applies to Sixth Form students and to all Staff	
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Clifton High School is committed to child protection and safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff, visitors, and volunteers to share this commitment.

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity as to when Sixth Form students are allowed to drive and who they are allowed to take as passengers and when. The policy is designed to ensure the safety of all concerned and to reduce the risk of collisions involving students.

The School provides transport for all students during the School day, for after School co-curricular clubs and for most Saturday away fixtures, and we would strongly recommend that students use that transport instead of their own vehicles unless there is a genuine necessity.

2. Legal obligations

Students wishing to use a vehicle during the school day must have a full driving licence and their vehicle must have insurance, road tax and an MOT certificate where applicable. It is the responsibility of the driver's parents to confirm that this is the case by completing the Sixth Form Driving Permission Form.

3. Permission to drive and to take passengers

Driving to and from School and Coombe Dingle is a privilege and permission may be withdrawn if one of the circumstances set out in section 6 occurs.



The School has a ban on students taking passengers, except in the circumstances shown in section 4.

4. Sixth Form driving rules

Students may only use their vehicles during the School day for transport to and from School and to and from Coombe Dingle. Parents must have given their permission before a student may drive to and from Coombe Dingle during the School day. The table below sets out the School's driving rules:

Coombe Dingle and Sports Fixtures

	Travel to Coombe Dingle (during school day)	Away fixtures (during school day)	Travel to Coombe Dingle (Saturday)	Away fixtures (Saturday)
Transport provided?	Yes	Yes	No	Usually.
Can student drive?	Yes*	No	Yes	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes.
Can student take passengers?	No	No	Yes**	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes**.
Can student take siblings?	No	No	Yes**	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes**.

* Provided that the School has received the parents' permission.

** A student may drive and take their sibling(s) and passengers if permitted by their parent(s) and (if applicable) the passenger's parent(s). This is a private arrangement between the parents.

Educational Visits

	Educational visits (during school day)	Educational visits (outside of school hours)
Transport provided?	Yes	Usually.
Can student drive?	No	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes*.

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Can student take passengers?	No	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes**.
Can student take siblings?	No	If transport is provided, no. If transport is not provided, yes**.

* Provided that the Educational Visits Leader has received the parent(s)' permission (via email) and the Educational Visits Leader has also given permission.

** The student may drive their sibling(s) and take passengers if permitted by their parent(s) and (if applicable) the passenger's parent(s). This is a private arrangement between the parents.

5. Conduct

While driving to or from School or Coombe Dingle or otherwise identifiable as a Clifton High School student, drivers and passengers are expected to behave considerately and ensure that the good reputation of the School is maintained.

6. Withdrawing approval

Permission to drive will be withdrawn if the driver is found to have infringed the rules set out in this policy, has committed a serious contravention of the Highway Code or has been disqualified from driving. Permission may (at the School's discretion) be withdrawn if the driver has committed a more minor contravention of the Highway Code or the driver's competence is called into question.

If permission is withdrawn, the driver (and any passengers who have also infringed the rules set out in this policy) will receive a detention, in accordance with the School's Behaviour Policy - Senior School.

In the case of driving offences resulting in penalty points or disqualification, the driver or their parents must inform the Head of Sixth Form.

7. Responsibility

Notwithstanding the above rules, the School regards the use of vehicles and the transport of passengers as a private arrangement and accepts no responsibility for the supervision of Sixth Form students while driving.