# Walking Bus Information Sheet (for parents)

1. Families are expected to complete ‘The Walking Bus Student Expectations and Code of Conduct’ and ‘The Walking Bus Student Consent and Registration Form’
2. Family members are welcome to walk along with WB until you feel comfortable with the volunteers and children on the route. However, if you wish to walk every day, you must complete the volunteer process.
3. It is the responsibility of the family to determine the way they wish to deliver the child(ren) to the WB leader (e.g. walk them to the ‘bus’ stop, allow them to walk on their own).
4. Children must arrive on time at the pre-determined “bus stop” locations. WB will leave bus stops on time and cannot wait for children who are late. If a child misses WB, the family is responsible for getting him or her to school.
5. If a walk needs to be cancelled for an exceptional circumstance, the individual WB volunteer will contact the families on the route.
6. Safety for all parties involved is of utmost importance in our program. Families are required to provide emergency contact information and any other relevant information to the WB Coordinator.
7. The WB Coordinator reserves the right to ask families or students who fail to follow the rules to cease participation in the program.

# Walking Bus Student Expectations and Code of Conduct Form

Prior to your family’s participation in the Walking Bus (WB) program, please review the following rules and expectations together. This is a crucial step to make this a fun and safe experience for everyone!

1. There will be one WB leader walking in front of the children and one behind.
2. When getting ready to cross a street, children are to stop and wait for instructions before crossing.
3. Children should follow directions and “look right, look left, look right” when crossing the street.
4. No running is permitted at any time.
5. Children should stay within the zebra crossing when crossing the street.
6. WB leaders will remind children to be aware of car traffic at driveways, intersections, and other thoroughfares.
7. Participants will be respectful of all other students, the WB leaders, the neighbourhood, and neighbours.
8. Children will not play with toys or use electronic devices during the walk.
9. WB leaders will give a verbal warning if these rules are not followed, and if the behaviour persists, the WB leader can exercise their discretion to ask the child to discontinue using the WB in future.

**I agree to:**

1. Walk (not run)

* Stay on the pavement
* Treat others respectfully – no pushing, shoving, or bullying

2. Always cross at the safest places such as street corners and/or zebra crossings

3. Look right, left, right, and behind and in front while crossing the street.

4. Be aware of traffic sights and sounds.

5. Walk together as a group.

6. Follow the instructions of the WB leader. Always treat the WB Leader and other children in the group with courtesy and respect.

*I have read and understand the expectations of a WB participant with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and agree to follow these rules.*

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Student Signature Date

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Student’s Name

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Print Parent/Caregiver Name

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Parent/Caregiver Signature

# Walking Bus Student Consent and Registration Form

If you would like your child to join a Walking Bus (WB), please complete and return the completed form by email to bhpswalkingbus@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact the WB coordinator at the above email address.

**Pupil Details**

1. Please provide details for your child(ren) who would like to use the WB.

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| First Name | Last Name | Year |
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Home address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name and telephone number

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Does the child/ren have any pre-existing medical conditions the WB volunteer needs to know?

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2. Potential Risks: A WB is intended to reduce the risk of injury to children as they travel to and from school through the use of adult supervision. However, there are risks associated with child pedestrians. These specific risks include injury as a result of motor vehicle crashes, falls, overexertion, or carelessness. Balgowlah Heights Public School does not assume responsibility for the safety of walking routes and encourages families to decide whether the recommended WB route is suitable for their children. All families participating in the WB program do so at their own risk.

3. I accept responsibility for the pre-existing medical conditions of my child/ren.

4. Voluntary Consent: I certify that I have read this consent form or it has been read to me and that I understand the program and its risks. A copy of this consent form will be given to me. By signing this consent form, I agree to allow my child to participate in the WB program.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_