Preamble:
This policy sets out certain rules and regulations for the use of outsourced private transport by pupils of Bridge House. “Uber” is used as a generic term to describe any “ride hailing services”.

This policy does not apply to school transport or transport that is organised by the school, using an authorised outsourced transport service provider.

In all instances, transport must be conducted in compliance with the relevant transport and traffic acts that apply in South African Law.

This policy has been drawn up following the recommendations of ISASA and of the terms and conditions as distributed by Uber Technologies Inc.

Legal background:
Uber’s terms and conditions say:
For passengers:
“A rider must be at least 18 years of age to have an Uber account and request rides. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older on any ride."

For drivers:
“As a driver-partner, you should decline the ride request if you believe the person requesting the ride is under 18. When picking up riders, if you feel they are under age, you may request they provide a driver’s license or ID card for confirmation. If a rider is under age, please do not start the trip or allow them to ride.”

Policy:
Bridge House does not condone the breaking of the Uber terms and conditions by under age pupils or by parents.

Bridge House school will bring the Uber terms and conditions to the attention of parents, by notification in the weekly newsletter, by notification to boarding parents through an e-mailed letter, and by attachment of the Uber Transport Policy to the school webpage.
Bridge House school will not be liable for any incidents resulting from the use of Ubers (or other ride hailing services) by any pupils, even if the pupil is over 18 years of age.

Should a parent organise for an over 18-year-old pupil to accompany their minor child in an Uber, this must be communicated to the school in writing, via e-mail. The letter must clearly state that the parent acknowledges that the school will be absolved of any responsibility if such an arrangement is made.

Bridge House School will not book any Uber transport on behalf of parents or pupils.