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Driver Name	:	XXX	Location	:	XXX
Tutor Name	:	XXX	Vehicle	:	XXX
Tutor DVSA reg	:	XXX	Car Registration	:	XXX

Notes on initial observed drive:

During the initial part of the session, Emma spoke of her goals for the day, which were to improve her confidence in driving and maintaining the large motorhome and learn about safe positioning on rural roads. In discussions with her husband, who also accompanied the driver, the route had been agreed upon and featured some technically challenging and scenic rural roads as well as some motorway driving. Emma very quickly became adept at judging the length of the vehicle (approx. 8m) and adopted a safe, normal driving position. Initially, the weather was fairly wet, and Emma was introduced to the 2s/4s following distance rule and practised it from time to time as appropriate. Planning suitable parking using Coach parking bays became something that Emma was good at, and the Tutor guided the reverse parking manoeuvres, which Emma managed very competently.

Key areas for development:

- Hill Start practice using the balance of clutch control and gas setting, without use of the handbrake.
- Further Practice of the IPSGA system of advanced vehicle control.
- A refresher of the most recent edition of the Highway Code; particularly relating to responsibilities for Pedestrians at junctions and other recent changes.
- Further practice Commentary driving as a way of developing defensive driving; (What if.....)

Improvements observed:

The large Motorhome was equipped with a manual gearbox, which was not Emma's normal driving experience. Emma developed skills in better matching gears to speed, especially when reducing speed for hazards such as roundabouts, where the use of block changes was encouraged in preference to sequential gear selection. The benefits of the block change technique were explained and discussed, and they included vehicle sympathy and eco-driving. Emma engaged very positively with this practice. Discussions about positioning the vehicle for safety and progress led to Emma being introduced to the IPSGA system of vehicle control, which forms the basis of the Police Roadcraft driver training course. The tutor supported an initial application of the system, and then Emma took on the responsibility of exploring the system whilst giving some commentary, in particular, on the observations that she was making. Emma found the application of the Limit Point to be of particular help on some of the challenging rural roads and also found that some advantage could be gained by small positional changes enabling oncoming vehicles to be spotted earlier. Towards the end of the session, Emma scaled her confidence level at 8/10, an improvement from 5/10 on a scale of 0-10. Overall, the experience was a very positive one for Emma, who has clearly shown herself very capable of safely handling a large Motorhome on some challenging roads; very well done, Emma. I wish you and Ewan every success and safe motoring in the future with your Motorhome; it was a pleasure to help you on your drive today.

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