



RE: Local Authority Transport Update

4 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I unreservedly apologise for having to communicate with you again at late notice on behalf of the Local Authority. As you will see from the communication below, which was received after school closed today, there is some good news. Transport Officers have now found a solution to the social distancing issues that came to light earlier this week.

Given the lateness of their notification to us, they have requested the Academy relays the message below whilst they send out hard copy letters in tonight's post. The Local Authority's message reads:

"With your help, and the help of our operators, we have now got solutions in place to enable all students travelling to your school on dedicated home to school transport in accordance with the principles we published on our website last month.

"I would be grateful if you were able to send an email to the parents of your students or publish a message on your website today to inform them of this. Please also remind them that students should bring and wear a face covering if at all possible whilst travelling on the buses.

"In order to arrange social distancing, it has been necessary to 'double run' some buses which has altered the collection times for some students.

"We are writing to all parents of students whose route may have changed today advising them of their new route number and asking them to check our website from Sunday 6th September where they will be able to find the route timetable and pick up location."

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If I receive more information I will communicate with you over the weekend. However, please do make sure to check the relevant page of the Local Authority's website, which I have been informed can be found here:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-transport/Pages/home-to-school-transport-update.aspx>

I have also included below the direct contact details of the various Transport Officers dealing with this matter:

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Finally, I am so sorry for the unnecessary anxieties this issue has caused and which are completely beyond the Academy's control. I, and all my staff, will continue to ensure the Academy is strongly advocating for a better service next week.

Yours sincerely

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Associate Principal