

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in my previous letter, we have been informed by North Yorkshire County Council that home to school transport will be running as normal from tomorrow morning. The journey has been fully risk-assessed by NYCC Passenger Transport and school will ensure that government guidance is followed. When the children get on to the bus in the morning please could you ask them to fill up from the back to the front so that they do not have to walk past the people already on the bus.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following:

- Children must not travel on the school bus or taxi if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Anyone with symptoms must follow [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). Children who have been in contact with someone who has developed symptoms whilst at school or on home to school transport do not need to go home to self-isolate unless (one of these):
 - they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test)
 - the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive and they were in contact within 48 hours of them first displaying symptoms
 - if they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace
- If a child becomes ill during the school day they will not be able to travel home on school transport and a parent or carer will be asked to come and collect them.
- Different families should remain socially distanced while waiting for the bus/taxi
- The first children on the bus will go straight to the back. The bus will be filled from back to front and will be emptied in reverse order. Children should sit in the same seats every day.
- Where possible children will be spread out with a distance between them
- In line with the 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' approach, children should carry tissues with them and practice good respiratory hygiene at all times.
- Children under the age of 11 are not expected to wear face coverings. The driver will be wearing a face covering.
- Children should wash hands or use hand sanitiser before and after travelling on the bus/taxi – school staff will ensure that children wash their hands upon arrival at school and before setting off for home.

- The driver is expected to keep their distance from pupils wherever possible
- Parents will be expected to engage with the test and trace process if a passenger tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- All children are expected to follow these rules. Drivers should not be expected to police arrangements such as seating plans, queues, the wearing of face coverings or use of hand sanitiser - their role is to focus on driving the vehicle safely.

I hope that this helps with your decision about whether or not to use school transport.

As always we ask that parents let us know if alternative home time arrangements are made for a child who normally travels on the bus. Please ring school and speak to a member of staff rather than leaving a message if you do not wish for your child to get on the bus at the end of the day.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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