

Guidance for children and young people using home to school public transport

The number of Covid-19 cases in the county is rising, and as you will be aware there have been some recent cases within schools across the county.

We know that some children will spend a significant amount of time travelling to and from school on dedicated or public bus services, and there is concern that the guidance set out at the start of the academic year, isn't always being adhered to.

We would encourage you to talk to your students about steps they can take to keep themselves and others safe - it's crucial that we continue to do all we can to prevent the spread of the virus.

If you have any questions, please email: mainstream@gloucestershire.gov.uk

- **FACE.** All students are expected to wear a face covering unless there is a specific reason they cannot do so. This includes those who travel on public transport, and those brought to school by taxi/minibus.
- **SPACE:** Social distancing should be maximised within vehicles at all times. Students need to sit in their correct bubbles and not try to sit by their friend in a different year. On busy routes where every seat needs to be used there will be students from different year groups sat by each other as this is unavoidable when bubbles are adjacent.
- **OPEN WINDOWS AND VENTS.** Fresh air (from outside the vehicle) should be maximised, particularly through opening windows and ceiling vents. Students should not close windows at any point.
- **WAITING AT THE BUS STOP:** Students need to maintain social distance from each other whilst waiting at bus stops, only students from the same household or year group should stand together. Like many of the above measures we are dependent on students taking responsibility for this themselves and being sensible.
- **CLEANING OF VEHICLES:** Our operators have increased their cleaning schedules on the vehicles and they will be thoroughly cleaned each day and cleaned between different bubbles using the vehicle.

Children must not board home to school transport if they, or a member of their household, has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

For more information on the guidance click [here](#).

We have provided a short bulletin for you to share with your parents, carers and students overleaf: