

Dedicated Transport - Our Approach for 2020/2021

Social distancing has significantly changed both the Local Authority and our bus companies approach to dedicated school transport. This guidance sets out a new framework for supporting transport to and from schools from the autumn term.

We are making a distinction between dedicated school transport and wider public transport:

- by dedicated school transport, we mean services that are used only to carry pupils to school. This includes statutory home to school transport, but may also include some existing or new commercial travel routes, where they carry school pupils only
- by public transport services, we mean routes which are also used by the general public

The approach to dedicated transport will align as far as possible with the principles underpinning the system of controls set out in this document and with the approach being adopted for our school.

To ensure ALL pupils are in a position to attend school, Bosworth Academy will run their services as per the 2019/2020 academic year. Details of routes, pick-up points and additional safety measures will be shared with parents through a contract w/b 17th August. This aligns with the approach of all other schools in Leicestershire and the Local Authority.

The 'bubbles' referred to in Government documentation refers to the 'bubble' on the bus NOT the year group bubble. As we have dedicated transport for Bosworth ONLY we have been able to satisfy this requirement.

If there is indeed a confirmed case/a student displays symptoms, we will be able to identify the students at risk on each bus as we will be asking students to choose the same seat each day (where possible).

It is important to consider the additional measures that will be in place:

- use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking
- additional cleaning of vehicles
- organised queuing and boarding where possible
- distancing within vehicles wherever possible
- **the use of face coverings for children over the age of 11, where appropriate, for example, if they are likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they do not normally meet**

Clear routines are to be established when queuing at bus stops, embarking and disembarking buses and where to go to. On arrival students will be guided towards their tutor room. Staff on duty will monitor social distancing/hand sanitising. This information will be communicated to parents and students before any return to school.

Bosworth Academy will work with bus companies to:

- help train their staff on how to react to silly, not premeditated behaviours
- plan a cleaning programme when using buses
- introduce hand sanitiser as students board the bus
- manage arrival times to ensure the safe disembarkment of students

The bus company where possible will be using buses that have a central door, meaning contact between driver and student will be minimal. Where this is not possible, the drivers will be wearing masks.

STUDENTS WILL NOT NEED THEIR PASS ON THE FIRST DAY; THESE WILL BE HANDED OUT ON THE STUDENTS FIRST DAY BACK .