

April 2021

## School Transport August 2021 and beyond

Dear Parent / Carer,

During the last couple of months, Bosworth Academy has been reviewing the management and overseeing of all home to school transport. We have been looking to set up a **partnership** with a company that will manage all services. To ensure a fair and transparent process, the Academy sought support from the local authority in formulating our plan.

For some considerable time, the Academy has planned, administered, organised and subsidised the transport, meaning it took away valuable staff resources and funding. After a transport review and the partnership agreement process, Bosworth Academy is pleased to partner with **Roberts Travel Group**, a local travel company that works in a similar capacity with many other schools in and around the local area. They will provide complete home to school travel management, including route planning, compliance, production of bus passes including replacements and the day to day management of all services.

The Governing Body has made the decision to reduce the level of subsidy Bosworth Academy provides towards school transport, over the next five years. The price of travel will gradually increase, however, the Academy will continue to ease the burden of the increase over this time. On Roberts Travel Group website, you will see the cost for travel for Bosworth Academy remains lower than that of many schools.

Roberts Travel Group will offer an **online booking process** for purchasing bus passes, with several payment options to choose from, meaning you can **spread the cost of a pass** and all can be done online at Roberts dedicated home to school website. The management of the transport offered by Roberts Travel Group offers many benefits, and will also release the time and resources in undertaking all the various aspects of managing the process. **Please see the letter of introduction attached from Roberts Travel Group**, showing some of the benefits offered.

This new partnership will improve our service and move us in line with what other schools in the area are doing. We will continue to work closely with Roberts Travel Group and parents/carers, ensuring the students of Bosworth Academy get outstanding transport to school.

Many thanks for your continued support with school transport.

Yours Faithfully,



**Ben White**  
Deputy Head

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Dear Parent/ Carer

We are Roberts Travel Group Ltd, a coach, bus and tour operator based in north west Leicestershire. Our experience of home to school transport spans over 25 years and we currently provide dedicated managed school services to many schools in and around the local area. We are pleased to be working in partnership with Bosworth Academy in facilitating all home to school transport.

We offer a fully managed home to school service from the bus pass application, lost property and any issues that may arise whilst using the services.

For the next academic year, 2021/22, the same coach or bus operator will continue to operate the existing routes that they currently run.

We also offer various payment plans to suit differing budgets and to help spread the cost of your bus pass, including a 10 month payment plan, Please note that the 10 month payment option commences on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and as such all applications need to be made prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> June to take advantage of this option.

We are looking to implement some new features which include:

- Vehicle tracking via a mobile app – this will give parents and pupils a real time view of the location of each vehicle.
- Issued passes that are scanned on entry and alighting the vehicle, offering further security for each user.
- Online application and payment process
- Continual review of routes and timings to meet with changes of parent addresses.
- A management company that will oversee all journeys and offer a dedicated point of contact.

Our online process has been introduced to purchase passes for the new term, the web link is below.

<http://buspass.robertstravelgroup.co.uk/>

#### **To Apply:**

- Click on the Bosworth Academy logo
- Select the route you wish to travel on.
- View timetables and payment options.
- Click apply for a pass.
- Enter the student & Parent/carer details and select your chosen pick up point.
- Upload a photograph to appear on the pass.
- Select your payment option.
- Set up your recurring or single card payment.

*Please note: One application is required per student.*

Once processed, you will receive a confirmation email. Passes will be sent to the address on the application in time for the start of the Autumn term.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you in the next academic year.

Best Regards

Roberts Travel Group Bus Pass Team.