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Travel Guide- COVID-19 specific

This guidance aims to provide clarity for parents and students who will be using public and private transport to access school, starting in September. All procedures and advice are taken from Government issued documents.

The health and safety of our students and staff working in the transport industry have been the priority throughout.

We are grateful for your support and we understand that some of the guidance will create challenges for some of our families.

The Department for Transport have released the following information:

“Whilst only a proportion of children use public transport to get to school, continuing to provide sufficient capacity – while maintaining social distancing – will be enormously challenging.”

It is also important to note that the guidance specific to Dedicated School Transport differs slightly from the guidance for wider public transport.

Where possible, your child should follow the guidance below:

- Maximise the distance between themselves and others using the transport.
- Maintain high levels of respiratory hygiene- e.g. coughing into their elbow or a tissue.
- Wear a face coverings if travelling on public buses. However, they are not required on dedicated school buses (1449 – Queens Head, Babbinswood, Whittington, Oswestry and our own minibuses).
- Wash their hands thoroughly before getting onto a bus.
- For journeys to school of **two miles** or less, which are currently undertaken by public bus, pupils should switch to cycling or walking.
- For children living further away travel by car may be an option
- pupils arriving at school by other modes should be encouraged to complete the last part of their journey on foot in order to manage congestion and safe access to schools by active travel
- **Non-entitled** students are being encouraged to look at alternative ways of traveling to and from school – particularly if there are other people who use the bus and they have to enforce their social distancing rules as this might mean they will not have space.
- Follow any specific measures in place on buses that aim to support the Year group bubbles that will place in school- this may mean that students in different year groups are asked to be seated in specific areas on the bus. For example, Year 11 students asked to sit near the back.

Link below to the full government guidance, Transport is included in Section 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

