

8th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you can appreciate, we have spent a lot of time over the summer holidays making sure the site here is safe for when the pupils returned to us. Through our pod segregation and staggered start/end times we are able to manage the safe movement of students around our site. We have also spent a considerable amount of time working closely with our transport providers to ensure a robust timetable is in place.

I have attached a copy of the transport timetable for the 2020/21 academic year. This timetable allows for students on the Desborough buses to be segregated into Key Stages and works with our staggered arrival times to site. Please take some time to look over the timetable and make sure you child/children are aware of the stop they require and the time they need to arrive there. **It is essential that your child/children get on the correct bus to and from the Academy, if they miss their allocated bus they will not be permitted to travel on the following bus and will have to make their own way to the Academy.** In summary, student's arrival/departure times should be as follows:

Arrival of students

Desborough runs - Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 & 9): to arrive on site for 8:35am.

Desborough runs - Key stage 4 & 5 (years 10, 11, 12 & 13): to arrive on site for 8:15am.

All village bus transport: to arrive on site for 8:25am.

Departure of students

Desborough runs - Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 & 9): to depart from site for 2:50pm

Desborough runs - Key stage 4 & 5 (years 10, 11 12 & 13): to depart from site for 3:10pm

All village bus transport: to depart from site at 3:00pm

Regarding requests I have received about face coverings on the buses, we continue to adhere to government guidance on this and are encouraging students to wear them, but please following this link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>.

Northamptonshire County Council recently put out a statement regarding parent transporting their own children to and from school as an option. If you are currently entitled to free school transport, you would be able to claim back 45p per mile to transport them yourself. If you wish to take up this offer you must email academictransport@northamptonshire.gov.uk prior to travelling and they will explain how to reclaim any mileage. We kindly ask that you do not contact the school with queries regarding this claim back offering from county. It is not something that the school is involved in and all we can do is redirect you to them at this email address.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we modify our ways to best suit childrens' needs and to keep them safe in this current environment.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Exley
Business Manager