

CODE OF CONDUCT – ADDITIONAL COVID-19 MEASURES

MAINSTREAM & PUBLIC TRANSPORT - PASSENGER

The current Covid-19 situation has had a significant impact on the way we deliver our transport to schools, particularly with regard to social distancing measures as well as in ensuring the health and safety of the children we transport, their families and the transport staff is maintained.

We are continuing to work in partnership with our schools to ensure safe transport is put in place for September and that any measures are co-ordinated with those being implemented by the school. This will help minimise the risk of transmission and will provide some level of consistency for children which is very important at this time.

In order to support these measures and those being implemented within the schools, it is important that students adhere to the advice below as failure to do so may result in your child being prevented from accessing school transport.

For this September, transport is being planned as follows and is in accordance with the most recent Government Guidance:

- i. Year group bubbles and minimum distancing between bubbles of 1m to apply to all mass transport. This includes buses, coaches and vehicles with capacity in excess of 16 passenger seats. This will mean that we will be able to utilise between 70-80% of the vehicle's capacity.
- ii. For all other vehicles, including taxis and minibuses up to 16 passenger seats, transport will be planned without social distancing as each vehicle will be deemed a transport bubble. The students assigned to these routes will remain constant and **we will not mix students** from other schools on the same route.

In addition to this, we will be instructing our operators to ensure they have robust cleaning regimes in place for example, frequently touched surfaces are regularly cleansed, and vehicles are thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day. Drivers and PAs will also be required to wear face coverings while undertaking journeys to and from school.

Student Conduct

1. Parents & Carers are instructed not to send their child to school and other establishments where they have a high temperature, new persistent cough, or other recognised Covid-19 symptoms. This also applies where a member of the household is displaying Covid-19 symptoms.
2. Anyone with symptoms must follow the Government's Stay at Home guidance :
[Government stay at home guidance](#)
3. The use of face coverings is encouraged for all students (scarf/face mask or similar), however this will not be compulsory and does not apply to those who are exempt. Students must respect those who may not be wearing a face covering as there will be good reason for this.
4. When waiting at your designated pick up point, bus stop, or school, students must ensure they maintain social distancing of at least 2m. If it is observed that students are not following this guidance, we reserve the right to withdraw the service.
5. When getting on and off the vehicle, please do so in an orderly fashion. Do not rush and respect social distancing when passing other students who are not in your year group bubble.
6. For bus and coach services, and vehicles in excess of 16 passenger seats, allocated seating/zones for each year group will be displayed on the vehicle. Students must ensure they sit in their allocated area and must not sit outside of this.

7. Drivers will be carrying out additional checks to ensure that only students who are entitled to travel use the service and it is therefore important that you have your pass with you and present it to the driver/company official/Authority inspector upon boarding each time you travel and whenever requested. Allow the driver time to examine this properly.
8. If you cannot show your pass, you will be refused travel on the vehicle. If you have lost your pass at your establishment, you will be allowed to travel home provided that you have obtained a temporary pass from the establishment office.
9. Prior to boarding the vehicle, students should ensure that they have recently washed/sanitised their hands. When arriving at school or home, students are advised to wash/sanitise their hands as soon as possible.
10. Students are not permitted to eat or drink on the vehicle.
11. Students should ensure they have good respiratory hygiene and follow the principles of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' using tissues. These tissues should be kept on the student until they arrive at school or home and be disposed of safely.
12. Be Punctual: arrive at your designated pick-up and or set-down points at least 5 minutes before your transport is due to arrive.

Should you require any further information please contact the Mainstream Transport Planning Team via email:

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