



15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Face coverings & information on transport provision from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 for Y10 and Y12 returning students**

This letter is for students who confirmed school or service bus will be used to travel to/from school on the attendance questionnaire. If you now wish for your child to use a bus to school, please contact the school first as strict capacity numbers are in place, via [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email).

You will be aware that the Government announced on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 that face coverings will be required while using public transport in England from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Council's advice for mainstream school transport is now as follows, detailed below:

Although many school buses are only available to students, it is still considered a public space and the wearing of face coverings will apply to students, when they board, during the journey and when they alight the vehicle. Drivers are also expected to wear a face covering at all times during the journey.

Face coverings do not need to be medical grade PPE masks and you can make your own using scarves or other textiles. Coverings must cover the mouth and nose while allowing the wearer to breathe comfortably. Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on their face covering on and after taking it off.

Students will be able to wash their hands or use the hand sanitisers once they arrive in school.

If students do not abide by these regulations, the driver has the right to refuse travel. If a student fails to comply at certain points during the journey, or the driver has concerns about the conduct of a student, they will report this to school so appropriate action can be taken.

This guidance has been issued to help keep students and drivers safe during the journey. Other safety measures such as 2 meter social distancing and ventilation will remain in place.

The bus operators via School Transport will run with normal pick up times in the morning to school, and with revised times for the return journey; please see the below list for information:

**Ashbourne CT** – The Derbyshire Connect service will be available to students but as passenger numbers are likely to be very low, parents will have to phone the operator to book the service for their child. Bookings should be made as early as possible to ensure the vehicle is available. This applies to the 313, 062 and 103 routes only.

**Glover/Masons** – Will operate all contracted school bus and minibus services as normal each morning and can accommodate an early finish at 2pm.

**High Peak Buses** – Service 114 is a public bus service and the morning service will be provided as normal. The timetable will be re-timed for the return journey home and students will be collected at 2.05pm.

**Hulley's of Baslow** – Service 013 will operate as normal each morning and can accommodate an early finish at 2pm. Service 110 is a public bus service and the morning service will be provided as normal. The timetable will be re-timed for the return journey home and students will be collected at 2.25pm.

**Midland Classic** – Service 009 will be provided as normal each morning and can accommodate an early finish at 2pm.

**Trent** – The swift service will be reinstated from 22<sup>nd</sup> June and students will be able to travel to school as normal each morning. For the return journey home, students will have to catch the most suitable service available and timetable information can be obtained from the operator's website [www.trentbarton.co.uk](http://www.trentbarton.co.uk) (the Swift timetable will be available to view at some point during the week commencing 15 June). The nearest bus time to the end of the school day, will depart from the Ashbourne Bus Station at 2.25pm.

If you require further information please email [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email) and a member of the Admin Team will reply to you.

Yours sincerely

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