



11th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Face coverings on Transport & Changes to Timings for Key Worker student's buses

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

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

Although many school buses are only available to pupils, 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 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 2m social distancing and ventilation will remain in place.

QEGS is in the process of preparing the school to open up for small groups of Year 10 and 12 students from **Monday 22nd June 2020**; this will mean a change to the school day timings from this date. School will start at 8.50 am as normal but the end of the school day for transport will be adjusted to 2pm departures.

If you require your child to remain in school until 3.55pm as a key worker student this will still be possible but your child will need to be collected from the school site by yourself at 3.55pm, buses will not be running at this time.

I would be grateful if you could email enquiries@qegs.email to inform the Admin Team; if you wish your child to catch the bus home at 2pm or if he/she will be picked up from school at 3.55pm on the days attending. Please send your **replies by Wednesday 17th June**.

Yours sincerely

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