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Dear Parent/Carer

Waterhouses Bus Route from September 2020

As some of you will be aware through receiving communications from Staffordshire County Council Transport, the provision for the Vacant Seat Temporary Scheme has been removed completely as an offer from September 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19. QEGS were also aware that the number of seats available were going to be significantly reduced as the new Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (PSVAR) would limit the capacity for vacant seat places.

QEGS will be providing transport from September 2020 for the academic year; the cost to parent/carers will be capped at the same cost for a vacant seat if Staffordshire are still able to provide, with the full cost of the transport heavily subsidised by QEGS.

The cost per seat for the academic year will be £625.00 via a single payment, or £700.00 paid via instalments. If paying for the year in full; payment must be received by Friday 11th September 2020. If opting for a monthly payment, a deposit of £70.00 via Parent Pay by Friday 11th September 2020 will be required to secure a seat on the bus, with monthly instalments on the first of the month, from 1st October to 1st June 2021 via Parent Pay. By ticking the consent button on Parent Pay, applicants are committing to all nine monthly payments or the place on the bus will be withdrawn.

In order to keep costs manageable for parents and QEGS, the pickup and route will be very simple and direct, collecting from The Crown Hotel in Waterhouses and Stanton (stop tbc) delivering students direct to QEGS with no stops or deviations in between. The same route in reverse at 3.55pm. Whilst some parents may have individual requests for other local pick-ups, this is simply not possible at this time and we will review for future provision.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or you feel financially you will not be able to meet the full costs, please contact Mr S Bembridge, Inclusion and Eligible Leader via email bembridge@qegs.email to see if assistance is available.

Please fill in the attached application form and return to Mrs C Bramwell via enquiries@qegs.email or post to the school address by Friday 17th July 2020. Mrs Bramwell will then be in contact with confirmation of a seat, Parent Pay set up and details of timings for the route before the start of the September term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Scott Garrity
Headteacher