

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Waterhouses Bus Route from September 2022

QEGS will be continuing to provide transport from September 2022 for the academic year; the route is heavily subsidised by school to enable the bus routes to run.

In order to keep costs manageable for parents and QEGS, the pickup and route will be very simple and direct. Whilst some parents may have individual requests for other local pick-ups, this is simply not possible due to the increase in cost and time to the route.

Waterhouses Bus route: Stanton/Waterhouses/QEGS

Interest already received for the route this year has indicated that it will take the numbers over the capacity of a 16-seater minibus. QEGS has managed to arrange with Derbyshire School Transport to use the spare seats on the 006 minibus which picks up from Mappleton to QEGS and it will go to Waterhouses only prior to Mappleton – school will be heavily subsidising this extra part of the route cost. Numbers will be restricted to the vacant seats and priority will be given to any new student requiring transport from Mappleton and may result in students being declined from the route.

Waterhouses students allocated to this bus will be required to be at the stop ready to depart at 07:55 and if late, will not be able to catch the slightly later main Waterhouses/Stanton bus due to being at full capacity. This is the only option for accommodating the increased passenger numbers this year and may result in a ballot if extra capacity is exceeded.

The cost per seat for the new academic year will be **£725.00** via a single payment, or **£750.00** paid via instalments. This is an increase on 2021-22 and these costs reflect the rising costs of fuel and other factors but is still significantly below the actual cost to the school.

If paying for the year in full; payment must be received by Friday 9th September 2022. If opting for a monthly payment, a deposit of £75.00 via Parent Pay by Friday 9th September 2022 will be required to secure a seat on the bus, with 9 monthly instalments of £75 on the first of the month, from 1st October to 1st June 2023 via Parent Pay. Priority will be given to students travelling on a full-time basis.

By ticking the consent button on Parent Pay, applicants are committing to all monthly payments or the place on the bus will be withdrawn. Parents/carers of students currently using the bus during 2021/22 must make sure outstanding payments are made before a seat will be allocated for the next academic year.

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 Mrs K Starkie, Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion and Eligible Lead via email starkiek@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 8th July 2022** for confirming a seat is required. Mrs Bramwell will then be in contact prior to the September start to confirm a seat on the bus, which vehicle and details of timings for the routes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Morgan".

Ms Kate Morgan
Assistant Headteacher