



14th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Uttoxeter & Stanton Bus Routes from September 2025

Thank you for your support and cooperation over the last few years as we have increased and adapted our school transport service for your child. Mrs Bramwell and the team do an amazing job to plan and deliver transport solutions which serve the needs of as many students as possible.

However, due to increasing costs in all areas of school budgets and no increase in government education funding, going forward, we are facing financial difficulties like never before. I want to be as honest as I can be about what we are able to do. We also appreciate that household finances are being stretched more than they have ever been and so we want to continue to subsidise costs to support families, but we are unable to continue as we are.

Currently, we subsidise 3 routes to QEGS from: Uttoxeter, Waterhouses and Stanton. This was initially at a cost of £20k, this has now risen to £82k and this deficit is preventing our ability to sustainably staff the school with enough teachers for next year.

The annual charge covers 75% of the route costs. The annual charge will be £850.00 for the next academic year (£4.47 per day based on 190 days) and will be the same amount for one off payments or instalments so that families paying over a period of months are not disadvantaged further.

For students in receipt of Free School Meals and other students who are Pupil Premium, financial support will be available. Sixth Form students may be eligible for support through the Bursary Scheme.

Clearly the numbers and costs of each route must be viable and so we are asking now for your confirmation of transport plans for next year so that we and you, can plan ahead. Mrs Bramwell will be sending out application forms for a seat on the route before the May half term break, and will confirm timing of the routes before end of July 2025.

Please confirm that you will/will not be using the Uttoxeter or Stanton QEGS transport in 2025-26 and paying associated costs via the form by end of Tuesday 20th May 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/k6VXtGZwve>

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Bramwell via bramwell@qegs.email.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity
Headteacher