



Ashton Community Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Bus Service No. 31

Due to the current social distancing measures on public transport, once the maximum permitted number has been reached, no further passengers are accepted until a space becomes available.

This has been a problem for some of our students who have been using the No. 31 service which leaves Preston at 8.08 am, particularly those wanting to get on around the Brook St/Inkerman Street/Lane Ends area, as the bus is already at capacity by the time it reaches that area.

Preston Bus have offered to put on a **School Only bus which will depart Preston at 8.05 am**, which is 3 minutes in front of the normal public service. As there isn't the same requirement regarding social distancing on a school bus, it offers more opportunity for your child to secure a seat and will allow up to 30 children to board.

Similarly, a school only bus for the return journey at the end of the school day will park on Broadway (the first road on the right after you leave the school gates). The bus will leave at 3.10 pm and follow the same return route.

There will be a sign in the window of the bus to indicate that it is a school bus and will have the same driver for the morning and afternoon journeys. **Normal bus fares are to be paid and ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILST ON THE BUS.**

This is a trial service and if it is used sufficiently, it will remain in place until at least October half term. If the service isn't sufficiently used, then the school only service bus will be withdrawn.

It goes without saying that we expect impeccable behaviour from our students who use this service.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Asquith
Headteacher

