

Dear families,

We have now received guidance from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) about the bus services that will be running for this part of the academic year. TfGM guidance is updated on their website <https://tfgm.com/coronavirus> they have also created a transport page specifically for school travel here [www.tfgm.com/schools](http://www.tfgm.com/schools).

I have summarised the key points below:

- Unless your child is exempt, all users of public transport aged 11 and over are required to wear a face covering. Carriage will not be possible without one.
- Please, wherever possible find an alternative way for your child to attend school. Whilst public transport will be running, the buses will only have 50% of their usual capacity. Neither us, nor the service providers can guarantee that there will be a space on the bus for all who want to use the service.
- As the mornings and afternoons become darker please ensure that your child's bike has working lights and that they wear reflective clothing and a helmet.
- The yellow school bus service is designated as school transport, as such they qualify for the relaxing of social distancing measures and will run at pre-Covid-19 capacity. Users of these buses will not require passes which may make these services busier than previously.
- Please check timetables as some have changed. There is an extra S237 service running which commences its journey at 7:26AM.
- Many operators have introduced 'exact change only' policies. Parents and carers are encouraged to use prepaid tickets for their children where possible. Please remember to ensure that the igo card is carried to benefit from child travel rates.
- If you bring your child to school by car please consider dropping them off at a safe alternative a little way from the school gates.

I hope that this clarifies the current standing of transport that TfGM can provide. As and when there are changes I will communicate these to you. In the meantime please do stay up to date with all the developments by accessing the webpages provided above.

Yours faithfully



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