

## Preparations for Full Opening in September - Getting to School

The government has issued guidance asking schools to prepare for a full opening in September. As a significant number of our pupils rely on bus services to get to school, we need to establish the extent that this provision will impact on your ability to send your child to school.

Bus services are defined as:

A dedicated school bus that is only used by pupils to travel to and from school.

A public bus which is also used by the general public.

Please find below the results of our survey sent to parents to complete by 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Children on roll is 1215**

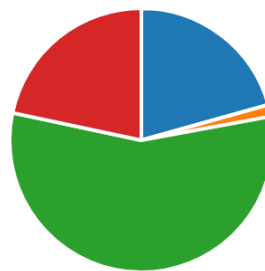
**Responses received 900**

### Question 1:

How will your child travel to school in September 2020

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● Walk	186
● Cycle	13
● Bus (either public or dedicate...	506
● Car (either alone or shared wit...	195



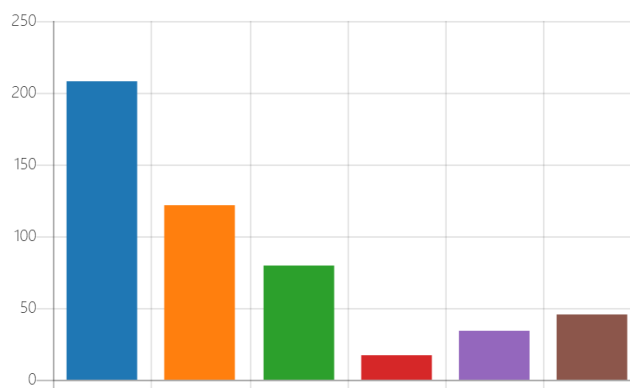
A large proportion of our pupils rely on school transport to attend school. 56% of pupils use a public or dedicated school bus. How many of the pupils not responded rely on these services too?

### Question 2:

What is your main concern about your child using a bus to school? All pupils using this form of transport will be required to wear a face covering.

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● Overcrowding	208
● Close contact with others	122
● Reliability	80
● Poor behaviour	17
● Lack of adult supervision	34
● Other	45



Prior to lockdown overcrowding was a significant problem already on dedicated school services. Obviously parents are concerned how this will be addressed when pupils need to maintain an element of social distancing. Ideally there should be enough capacity for all pupils to remain seated with no standees. This will only be achieved with support from TFGM and Mersey Travel.

### Question 3:

If bus services were reduced/restricted do you have an alternative way to get your child to school?

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● Yes	174
● No	332



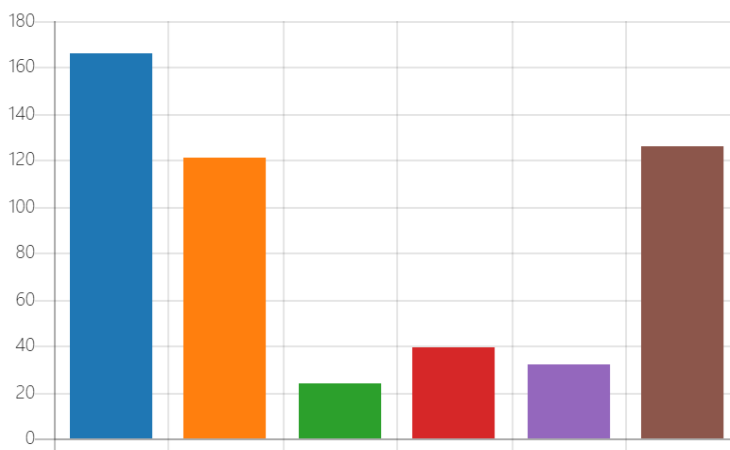
Many parents are clearly concerned that the current guidance asking pupils to walk or cycle to school is unachievable. Many pupils live between 2 and 6 miles from school and obviously rely on public transport. Over 65% of pupils who need to get to school by bus will struggle to get to school.

### Question 4:

Which service does your child normally or intend to use?

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● School Bus from Hindley Gree...	166
● School Bus from Winstanley/H...	121
● School Bus from Garswood	24
● School Bus from Newton-Le...	39
● School Bus from Abram	32
● Public bus	126



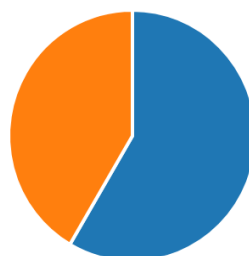
The pupils that use bus services highlight the wide catchment area associated with our school. This would suggest there should be enough capacity across current services, however, there are still over 300 children not accounted for as the survey was not completed by their parents.

### Question 5:

If no bus services were available, would your child still be able to attend school?

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● Maybe	194
● No	138



41% of pupils who have no alternative method to travel to school would be unable to attend. This may be due to distance from school and lack of alternatives such as car or cycle. This would have a significant impact on learning and their recovery from the disruption the Covid-19 pandemic had impacted on education.