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Dear Parent/Carer,

With students set to return to schools across the city next week, we wanted to let you know the latest travel information. We apologise for not sending out details sooner, but one of Coventry's transport operators unfortunately went into administration this week, and a significant amount of work was needed to ensure their routes could continue with other providers. Transport arrangements will, of course, be very different for this term as a result of COVID-19, and we wanted to let you know what is happening, and how you can help. Students travel to and from school either on

- Public transport – services which can also be used by members of the public
- Dedicated school transport – services which exclusively carry students to their places of education

(See below for a list of routes that are dedicated services for schools, so you can be clear which type of transport is being used.) There are different arrangements for each style of transport. Due to social distancing guidelines public transport buses will be running at reduced capacity and students and parents may wish to consider walking or cycling.

For those using public transport you will need to allow more time for your journey. We will continue to work with schools and Transport for West Midlands to address any capacity issues where we can.

The social distancing guidelines do not need to be uniformly applied on dedicated school transport, which often carries the same group of children or young people on a regular basis. Social distancing should still be maximised where possible either individually, or within the 'bubble' / group of students that the young person is mixing with at school. For both types of transport, all students should wash their hands before and after travel and use hand sanitiser where available. Face coverings should also be worn by all students aged 11 and over (unless they have an exemption).

Bus operators and Transport for West Midlands have put in place enhanced levels of cleaning of vehicles and passenger waiting facilities including the bus station and bus shelters.

Thank you for your continuing help and support and we look forward to welcoming your child/children back to school.

Yours sincerely,

Kirston Nelson
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