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Dear parents and carers,

Please find the information below from Transport, this applies to any children you have attending mainstream with a bus pass and transport to Rachel Madocks.

All children receiving transport this year, and who are due to receive transport next year, should expect the same arrangements to apply. For pupils who travel by bus, this year's bus pass can be used in September 2020. You must keep it and use it when school starts again after the school summer holidays. If your child is joining a transport arrangement for the first time, e.g. due to start in Year 7, the local authority transport team is finalising those arrangements and these will be confirmed to you before the end of August. You are respectfully asked to wait for a member of the team to contact you and not to contact the service directly, ahead of that.

The DfE published guidance on 2 July that included advice on the provision of local authority contracted Home to School Transport in the autumn term when all children will attend school. They stated that "Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a one metre plus approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport."

They have promised further advice on transport provision that will be released later in July.

We have begun thinking about the service we will provide in September, and head teachers have shared some of their thoughts with us.

If you are able to still transport your child until the 5th of October, please contact the school ASAP so that we can confirm with transport before the end of term. This will not have any impact on any transport in the future.

Regards,

Niki Wilson