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Dear Head Teacher

Ref :Home to School transport advice for Parent/Carers

Please see below excerpt from latest Department for Education advice for Dedicated School Transport on the September return to School .The Government guidance is in **BOLD BLACK** and how LBH Passenger Services intends to implement this into policy and practice from September is in **RED**

Dedicated school transport, including statutory provision

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 2 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.

The approach to dedicated transport should align as far as possible with the principles underpinning the system of controls set out in this document and with the approach being adopted for your setting. It is important to consider:

- **how pupils are grouped together on transport, where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within the setting. **We will try adhering to school “Bubbles” where possible.****
- **use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking - Yes**
- **additional cleaning of vehicles. - Yes**
- **organised queuing and boarding where possible – Yes**
- **distancing within vehicles wherever possible **Yes – but note will not always be possible****
- **the use of face coverings for children over the age of 11, where appropriate - for example if they are likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they do not normally meet. - **Where appropriate and possible, but not mandatory****

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- **Parent/Carer checklist asked daily by transport staff on collection – the transport provider will ask parent/carers questions on collection – these are aimed at keeping all safe and we ask for your cooperation in this**

The full guidance can be seen here, however we do expect further updates before September from the Department of Education -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Parents will shortly be receiving confirmation of arrangements for home to school transport for their child(ren) from September. Timings may be different compared to the last academic year. We will include as much information - ideally including seating plans - as we can at that stage. Please be assured the safety, security and health of the students is of paramount importance to transport staff.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS WAS 30TH JUNE 2020. IF PARENTS/CARERS HAVE NOT APPLIED YET WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TRANSPORT WILL BE IN PLACE BY THE BEGINNING OF THE AUTUMN TERM.

Yours sincerely

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