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[Covid-19 School Transport]

Dear Headteacher,

Following the announcement by the Government that the next step of the Roadmap out of Lockdown will take place on 17th May I thought it would be helpful to explain how school transport is affected by the changes.

Dedicated School Transport will continue to run as it does now. There are no changes to routes and timetables. Passengers will still need to wear a face covering whilst on board. I would appreciate your assistance in spreading this message, please, as with face coverings no longer being needed in classrooms I would understand it if children and young people felt that the transport rules were similarly relaxed. This isn't the case. Buses and coaches continue to be Covid-safe places to be, as long as the current mitigations remain in place.

Public Buses are now nearly all back running to their normal timetables, with additional capacity being provided where it has been found necessary. Pupils should continue to travel as they do now, whether that is on the main bus, or one of the additional "school pupils only" vehicles. As with dedicated school transport, face coverings must still be worn on public buses and on any additional vehicles provided to supplement the service. Again, I would appreciate your assistance in spreading this message.

Thank you for your help and support in this matter and throughout the Pandemic. I hope that we are now approaching the end of this, but equally I am concerned that we don't ease off with the precautions and mitigations now that great progress has been made. As ever, if there is anything further I can do to assist please do not hesitate to contact me or my team.

Yours sincerely



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