



11 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Safer travel on buses to and from school

During the course of this first full week back at school, as you know we have been working hard to improve aspects relating to safety of staff and students. Around school the students have shown remarkable maturity in adapting to the rules we have put in place.

Sadly, however, despite our reminders and requests, we are aware that not all children who use the bus service are adhering to the requirement that they keep their mask in place for the entirety of the journey. Given the fact that this behaviour threatens to compromise the strict measures in place in school within the year group bubbles, I am writing to ask that you reinforce this message to your own child.

We have explained to the students that:

- They should put on their mask before they enter the bus
- They must wear them for the duration of the journey, until they step off the bus

We have emphasized to the students that these measures are in place in order to keep everyone safe, as well as being part of their role and responsibility as respectful citizens.

Due to the seriousness of this protective measure, I would like to outline the following action that we will take as a school if this approach is not adhered to:

- If any child is found not wearing a mask **in the morning**, we will inform you and explain that they will not be able to travel back on the bus in the afternoon. You will be asked to collect your child at the end of the day
- If a child does not put on their mask **in the afternoon**, s/he will be removed immediately and taken to the Hall, and you will be asked to collect you son or daughter

In order to protect vulnerable students and families, I hope you can see why we are bringing these measures into place to support the safety of everybody. I recognise the inconvenience that will be caused by having to collect your son or daughter from school, and hope that we will not have the need to use these sanctions. Where there is persistent disregard for this reasonable expectation, this could lead to a child losing their place on the bus.

Thank you again for your continued support for the routines and safety measures that we are having to put in place. We remain a happy, value-led school with the calm and productive environment that you would expect.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Abbott', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Abbott  
Headteacher

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