

4th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Information from Transport for London (TfL)

Here is a letter and information from Transport for London. It is intended to help anyone using public transport to plan safe journeys. This information has also been shared with the staff of the school as well.

The information from TfL is intended to help you plan safe, sustainable journeys to and from school this spring.

As all children and young people will now return to their classrooms for the Spring Term, as part of the Government's roadmap for leaving lockdown, we remain committed to doing our part to help them travel to school and college safely on our network.

School services

From 8th March we are planning to run bus services in a similar way to how they did during the Autumn Term. This means:

- Extra services on some routes, with some adjustments to services that ran last year to reflect demand
- Up to half of buses on certain higher-frequency routes signed as 'school services' (generally between 7:30am and 9:00am and 2:30pm and 4:30pm)
- A full service on our existing school-day-only routes (routes generally numbered 600-699)

These arrangements are planned to be in place until at least the end of the current term. We will confirm arrangements for after Easter in due course.

Schoolchildren travelling without adults should travel on the school services where possible, to help provide space for other customers on regular services. Customers who are not schoolchildren but who need to travel at school travel times (including school staff) are strongly encouraged to use regular services.

The full details of planned additional services and routes operating with buses signed as a 'school service' will be available shortly at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/bus-changes>

We are continually reviewing how our network is operating to ensure our approach is working and meeting demand as best as possible. Please check our dedicated webpage regularly for the latest information on school travel.

Safe travel across the public transport network

We are continuing to take a range of measures to ensure that the public transport network is clean and safe – including our enhanced cleaning regime. We ask everyone travelling to continue following our safer travel guidance to protect themselves and others.

It is compulsory for everyone aged 11 and over to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth throughout any public transport journey unless exempt. Bus windows should remain open to ensure a good supply of fresh air, even in cold weather.

If a child aged 11 to 17 isn't wearing a face covering without an exemption or reasonable explanation, our officers may arrange for a warning letter to be sent to their parent or guardian. Further non-compliance could lead to the suspension of their concessionary travel.

In order to support this, we like all schools, have put in measures which help to support London to re-open. Like TfL, we want everyone needing to use public transport to travel safely, reliably and securely.

We do:

Have staggered the start and finish times which helps TfL to manage demand at the busiest times.

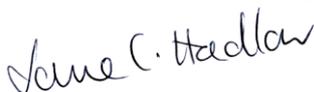
Encourage students to walk or cycle to school wherever possible use of London's extensive walking and cycling network,

Encourage you to use TfL's STARS - Safer Journey Planner, which will help you to plan journeys and provides useful advice on active journeys.

If you are travelling to school using TfL do check your journey on our Journey Planner or the TfL Go app.

I hope that is information is helpful to you.

Kind regards



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