

Code of Conduct for Home to School Transport in the context of the current COVID-19 Pandemic

In recognition of the plans being put in place for the return of pupils to school from September 2020, we have set out the following Code of Conduct in line with the latest DfE guidance:

Taunton School Transport Department will:

- Clean vehicles thoroughly on a daily basis in accordance with agreed schedules (details of which are available upon request).
- Clean high-touch areas between each journey with anti -bacterial spray/wipes and Tersano's SAO and apply 'Zoona' surface cleaner to all surfaces within the vehicle on a fortnightly basis (details available from school website).
- Provide protective screens around the driver area on mini-buses.
- Provide hand sanitiser for all passengers on board all vehicles.
- Ensure that all drivers wear face coverings and keep vehicles well ventilated. Air conditioning units will be switched off.
- Ensure that drivers remain forward facing as much as possible and avoid unnecessary interaction with pupils.
- Ask pupils to sit in the same seat each day.
- Aim to retain the same driver on individual journeys where resources permit.
- Ensure that pupils queue in an organised and socially distanced manner whilst waiting for vehicles at the end of the day.
- Supervise pupils to ensure that they board vehicles in single file, observing social distancing at all times.
- Ensure that our risk assessment and pupil protocols are monitored and reviewed regularly.
- Continue to monitor and follow guidance provided by the DfE, associated transport bodies and local authorities.

Pupils will:

- Respect the need for social distancing whilst waiting to board vehicles, both in the morning and afternoon.
- Ensure that they follow the strict vehicle seating policy.
- Ensure that their face covering remains place throughout the entire journey.
- Ensure that they disembark the vehicles, both in the morning and the afternoon, in single file.
- Not consume food whilst on the vehicle. Pupils may drink from their own water bottle, and replace face coverings immediately after.

Parents/guardians will:

- Ensure that their son/daughter does not embark upon their journey to school if they are showing any symptoms as defined by PHE.
- Provide face coverings for all pupils to be worn during every journey.
- Ensure that their son/daughter understands the conditions outlined in this Code of Conduct.
- Understand that any failure to comply with the above conditions will result in transport provision being withdrawn.