

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SEN SCHOOL TRANSPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

This document provides additional guidance for travel on SEN home to school transport whilst COVID 19 restrictions are in place

## FACE COVERINGS - STUDENTS

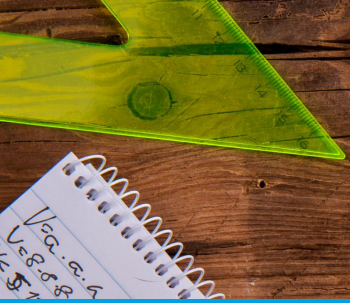
- It is not mandatory for SEN students to wear face coverings on school transport services however, should you wish your child to wear one you the parent /carer will need to provide this.
- On arriving at the school, the face covering should be stored safely, and children should wash their hands.

## FACE COVERINGS - TRANSPORT STAFF


- All passenger assistants will wear face coverings.
- Drivers who work in close proximity with students will also wear face coverings.
- Other drivers may wear face coverings at their own discretion.
- If you feel your child will be negatively affected by being around someone wearing a face covering, i.e. those with high anxiety or who are hearing-impaired , please contact your Local Authority Transport Team.

## TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

- We have had to work with schools to understand and implement bubbles, where possible, on school transport.
- In some cases it has not been possible to replicate the school bubbles on school transport. Where this is the case other measures have been considered.
- As a result of this you may find that your usual arrangements are different than before. We appreciate this may cause concern, but unfortunately these provisions cannot be changed and we have had to introduce new measures to ensure children can continue to travel safely.



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## PARENTAL MILEAGE

- The Local Authority is encouraging any parent-carers who can, and wish to, manage the transport of their own children to take advantage of the parental mileage scheme.  
Parent-carers will receive 40p per mile for up to four journeys for each school day.  
This recognises the need for parent-carers to travel back home, or to their place of work, after dropping off their child in the mornings and then return at the end of the day to collect them.
- This has been agreed initially until the October half-term but may be extended.
- If you would like to know more about this please contact the Local Authority transport teams.

## CLEANLINESS

- We encourage pupils to wash their hands before and after using school transport.
- It is advisable for pupils to carry their own hand sanitiser.
- Vehicles will be cleaned daily, with common touch points being cleaned after every journey.

## ILLNESS

- Drivers and passenger assistants must not work if they have symptoms of COVID-19, or if someone in their household has symptoms. They must go home immediately if they begin displaying symptoms whilst at work.
- **What happens if a child becomes ill?**
  - Under no circumstances is a child to travel if either they or a member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19.
  - If your child develops symptoms whilst at school, the school will contact you to arrange for them to go home as soon as possible.
- **If your child is feeling unwell, visit the relevant website:**
  - [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace)
  - [www.peterborough.gov.uk/healthcare/public-health/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/healthcare/public-health/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace)