

Brighton College School Bus Service

Important information for Michaelmas term 2020

Following the Covid-19 lockdown, this plan for the Home to School Bus Service in Michaelmas 2020, has been based on a regular review of the most up-to-date guidance issued by the UK government, including guidance from the DfE.

The first and most important guiding priority is to keep pupils and staff safe. To this end, our Transport Department has identified a range of measures that will be implemented, and each of our routes have been carefully risk assessed.

ALL school bus routes will be operating with the following control measures in place:

- Thorough cleaning will take place on all buses before and after each school run.
- Pupils are required to use the hand sanitiser provided when they enter and exit the bus.
- Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times. These should be plain in pattern and colour.
- Where possible, pupils are to sit with other pupils in their year group.

It is important that parents also play their part in keeping everybody safe:

- If your child/children shows any symptoms of COVID-19 they **MUST NOT** travel on the School Bus Service, or attend school.
- If your child/children are self-isolating as a result of COVID-19 symptoms or sharing a household or support bubble with somebody with symptoms they **MUST NOT** travel on the School Bus Service, or attend school.
- Parents are asked to check carefully for any symptoms before their child leaves home, including taking their temperature each morning as a way of further reducing risk, noting that some people can have Covid-19 but remain asymptomatic.

As a further measure to keep pupils and staff safe, **the routes will be not be filled to capacity**, which means that **spaces will be limited** on some of our more popular minibus routes.

The College will be operating a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED** booking system for all applications, including parents whose children already use school transport and who **MUST** re-apply for their seat/s.

The Deadline for booking seats for 2020-21 is Wednesday 5 August 2020. Any booking applications received after this date will be considered, provided there is availability on your chosen route.

The College has worked closely with our external bus partners who are committed to following this new protocol from September.

The College will continue to monitor any changes announced by the Government during Michaelmas term. We will keep you informed should we need to make any adjustments to these protocols in order that we continue to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.