

Message From County Transport regarding seating arrangements on School Transport

As you will be aware school transport will look very different when the schools return in a couple of weeks as we will be maintaining year group bubbles on board across our contract Minibus and coach services to schools. These arrangements will remain in place until the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Each year group has been issued a zone in which to sit in on board and we anticipate the same seat will be occupied by the same person each day. These zones are displayed below for your reference and we would like to ask you to brief your child in advance of the requirements. We are in the process of writing to parents.

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| Year 9 | BLUE | Secondary |
| Year 10 | GREEN | |
| Year 11 | ORANGE | |
| Year 12 | PURPLE | P16 |
| Year 13 | YELLOW | |

The coaches will be clearly labelled on board however the driver will be on board to direct passengers.

If parents have any queries, it is important they contact the hub on 01905 765 765 however the calls will be put through to this team if the Hub are unable to assist.

Face Coverings on Public Transport

The government published new guidance **on Wearing face coverings when travelling to and from school and college.**

Most children and young people aged 11 and above are now required to wear a face covering on public transport. This does not apply to children and young people who:

- have a disability that means they cannot wear a face covering
- would find wearing a face covering severely distressing
- are travelling with someone who relies on lip reading to communicate

We advise that children and young people aged 11 and over also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college, apart from those who are exempt.

If your child has been wearing a face covering before arriving at school or college, they must understand how to remove it and how to keep it or dispose of it safely.

Children and young people must:

- clean their hands before and after travelling to or from their school or college
- put any temporary face coverings they may have been wearing in a covered bin
- place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag that they can take home with them
- clean their hands again before heading to their classroom