

Principles: Travel to School from September 2020

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The Local Authority will:

- Provide strong local leadership and collaborate with key stakeholders to provide **safe, locally led travel to school solutions**.
- Encourage the use of an alternative range of local options to **facilitate children and young people getting to school without using public transport**.
- **Strongly promote and enable active travel to school**, including walking and cycling, wherever possible.
- Work with schools to survey parents whose children attend Cheshire East schools to **establish levels of demand for transport from September 2020**.
- Agree travel requirements **on a school by school basis**.
- Generally, provide **statutory school transport at set times of the school day** (this will not be able to accommodate staggered start/finish times).
- Minimise close contact between different groups of students by providing transport that **seats children in the bubbles or groups set by the school, where possible**, although buses are likely to mix bubbles in most cases.
- Ensure that **enhanced hygiene, cleaning and social distancing arrangements** are implemented on transport to school, in line with the government guidance.
- Ensure that **appropriate arrangements are in place for children and young people with increased risk factors**.
- Ensure that **support is in place** for those children and young people who need more time to adapt to new arrangements, **including those with Education, Health and Care Plans**.
- **Raise awareness and communicate changes needed** to relevant stakeholders, including parents, transport providers, members of the public etc.
- Carry out any **action necessary in line with the Education Travel Behaviour Code**.
- **Advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering** when travelling on dedicated transport unless they are exempt.

The School will:

- Work with the local authority to survey parents and **establish levels of demand for transport from September 2020**.
- Work with staff, parent/carers and pupils to reduce the use of **public transport by 50% where journeys are two miles or less**.
- Encourage staff, children and young people to take up **alternative and active travel to school**, including walking and cycling through the promotion of programmes such as bikeability, walking buses, etc.
- **Reduce traffic congestion around the school** through considering staggered start/end times, park and walk options, school traffic management etc.

- Provide **dedicated areas for individual bubbles of children and young people at the start/end of the day** arriving by school transport outside of staggered start/finish times.
- **Raise awareness and communicate changes needed** to staff, parent/carers and pupils of the school.

Encourage and support children to wear face coverings on public and dedicated transport to school and ensure that a process is in place for removing face coverings when pupils who use them arrive at school.

Parent/Carers will:

- Ensure that their **child/ren do not travel on public transport** or mix with the general public when travelling to school.
- **Support the school to explore alternative options** to travel to school.
- Commit to **encourage and support their child/ren to walk or cycle** where they live 2 miles or less from the school
- **Use car sharing arrangements**, where possible, and in line with social distancing requirements.
- **Help to reduce congestion around the school** by not using cars or using park and walk options.
- **Adhere to any staggered start/finish times** and drop off/pick up arrangements set by the school.
- Support the local authority in providing a safe journey for all passengers by ensuring that **their child/ren follow the expectations and procedures set out in the Education Travel Behaviour Code.**
- **Provide their child/ren with face coverings** to wear on public and dedicated transport to school, unless they are exempt.

Children and Young People will:

- Help to **shape and inform alternative travel to school options** that meet their needs.
- **Engage in active ways to travel to school**, including walking or cycling, wherever possible.
- **Comply with the requirements** for use of transport, including:
 - Staying within your school's 'set bubble or group' whilst queuing to board, being transported and getting off transport
 - Using hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking off transport
 - Using face masks appropriately for any journeys, where these are deemed necessary
 - Stay front facing on transport at all times.
- **Stay within the designated spaces** identified by the school whilst waiting for lessons at the start of the day and transport at the end of the day.
- Wear a face covering on public and dedicated transport to school, unless they are exempt.
- Follow the expectations and procedures set out in the **Education Travel Behaviour Code.**