



5 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Transport

I have received an update from KCC Transport and want to share their update.

They are requesting that the school and parents **DO NOT** contact the contract holders or taxi drivers directly. This is because they are trying to have oversight of all the transport routes and they are trying to redeploy vehicles which may not be currently used.

All transport operators who have services running have been issued PPE by the local authority for the use of their staff and the students using their services. Vehicle staff have been instructed to wear PPE at all times. Transport have made a request that pupils also use available PPE and they have asked that I ask you to support this decision. I believe that this is a decision that you must make as a parent and that the school should not influence this. I fully understand that the use of PPE and especially face masks would be incredibly daunting and could significantly raise levels of pupils' anxiety. It would be helpful that if you plan for your child to return to school by taxi you prepare and explain why they will be wearing face masks.

We will provide KCC Transport with a list at the end of each week of the names of pupils who have booked into school via The School Gateway App but they will need you to confirm if they still require their taxi. It is therefore essential that you update us of your plans for the following week through the Gateway App by 9am on the Friday before we send out the transport request on your behalf.

The KCC Contact is Sarah Kitchener [Sarah.Kitchener@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Kitchener@kent.gov.uk) 03000 418 359.

We will review this process on the 19 June 2020.

Thank you for your continued support

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Headteacher



