



SST/ARA

9th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you about the bus service that Brooke Weston Academy operates and to thank all parents for your feedback as we plan for the new academic year. As government guidance has changed, it has become clear that the bus service can resume from **18th August 2020**, when the school re-opens to all students. The scope of the transport offer is however dependent both on government guidance during the COVID-19 outbreak and, locally, the levels of parental demand. As both are outside of the Academy's direct control, we cannot give any guarantees about the service we will offer for the entire academic year, but would like to offer the following for **Term 1**. During the course of Term 1 (September to October 2020) we will review the offer and communicate any changes with parents.

The bus service offer for Term 1 of next academic year is as follows:

- The cost of the bus service, based on parental response, will be **£150 for Term 1** (this will be reviewed termly)
- All buses and current bus stops will run as they did during 2020/21 and may be reviewed termly if required
<https://bit.ly/2Z7Driz>
- There will be strict behaviour policies in place and in accepting the transport you and your child agree to the policy
<https://bit.ly/3ijzrV>

It is also important that if your child does use a school bus, government safety guidance must be adhered to and includes:

- Students may wear **face coverings** as they will be with students from different year groups, although this is not compulsory
- Once on the bus, where possible, students should sit with their **respective year groups**
- It is recommended that students have their **own sanitiser** to facilitate hygiene
- The bus company will have in place a **cleaning regime** which follows government advice
- Students should **queue** and keep **2m spacing** where possible

It is important to note that masks will be removed on entry to the school building in line with government advice. If the mask is disposable there will be bins at the entrance point for the disposal of masks. Re-usable masks will need to be kept in your child's bag until the end of the day and their return journey. Further information on this can be found on the government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>.

In order to ensure that your son/daughter has a place on the bus please book this using by **Monday 13th July 2020** by using the following online form: <https://bit.ly/2C9pA2l>.

I hope that you have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming students back in August.

Yours sincerely

Shaun Strydom
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