Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to about the bus service that Brooke Weston Academy operates. As described in the previous letter, we will be reviewing the bus offer on a termly basis, and depending on student uptake this may result in changes to bus routes and/or price. As parents will be aware, Brooke Weston Academy makes no profit from this service and to further support our parents this year, we have also subsidised the buses to keep the cost down. Prices are therefore greatly dependent on the number of students using the service.

Based on the current numbers during Term 1, and the hope that more students will engage with the service as time goes on, we have decided to keep the cost for Term 2 the same. Therefore, the cost for Term 2 will remain £150, and we are going to strive to keep it at this price for the remainder of the year. The remaining payment is therefore £600 for the academic year and if a repayment schedule is required this will now be £60 per month as there are only 10 months remaining (October – July 2021).

The bus service offer for Term 2, and hopefully the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year is as follows:

- The cost of the bus service, based on parental response, will remain **£150 for Term 2 onwards** (this will be reviewed termly and only changed if government guidance, or COVID-19, makes the service difficult to run).
- A payment schedule of £60 is available for October – July if required.
- All buses and current bus stops will run as they did during Term 1 and as indicated on the current schedule.
- As government guidance has not changed, the behaviour policy remains the same and in accepting the transport you and your child agree to the policy (including the wearing of face coverings and sitting in year groups).
- The Bus schedule and policy can be found on our website: [https://www.brookeweston.org/page/?title=Transport&pid=84](https://www.brookeweston.org/page/?title=Transport&pid=84)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank students for the way that they have responded to the changes in our transport policy. We are all working together during COVID-19 to stay safe, and I am really pleased with how serious students have taken their responsibilities and the support they are showing each other and the bus drivers. As a reminder the following points should be adhered to if your child uses the bus.

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

- Students must wear **face coverings**, as they will be with students from different year groups
- Once on the bus students should sit with their **respective year groups** as this is how they will be grouped at school
- Students should 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

Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any queries about the bus transport or payments please contact our finance department finance@brookeweston.org.

Yours sincerely

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