



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 8th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School Transport

The start of the new year has begun positively in all areas except one – school transport.

Talking to students and parents, we know that some families are yet to receive their bus pass and details of the exact route/bus to catch each day. At the same time, several of the buses are travelling without clear signage to indicate their route, making matters yet more confusing. In no way is this your son/daughter's fault, and I know that this is a cause of anxiety and upset currently, particularly for our newest students.

We have been in contact with the Transport Team at Somerset County Council, and I know that many of our parents have done the same. Thank you for our shared approach on this.

While we wait for a response, I am writing to say that we are taking action to provide guidance and direction to our students that use school transport, using bus lists to create individual bus passes which will be given out today. These are not your official passes but will help students ensure they are able to find and take their place on the correct bus, so that seats are filled correctly, and all students can travel safely to and from school. At the same time, we are printing signs for the buses and will be directing the bus drivers to display these every day, to help students identify the bus they need to travel on.

Looking at our lists, we believe this will remove the issue of students being turned away by the bus driver (something that shouldn't happen and a concern we are raising with SCC) so long as all students use their pass correctly and board the bus they have been assigned to.

Sadly, I have also been made aware of incidents of unacceptable behaviour of some students, travelling on a particular bus route. This is really disappointing, given the clear expectations made in assemblies recently, and a continuation of this poor behaviour will not be tolerated.

I have, this morning, spoken to students that travel on this route, to ensure that those involved have had an opportunity to reflect and change their behaviour. All students know our expected Wadham Behaviours – Ready, Respectful and Safe. Students that fail to meet these expectations will be sanctioned, and risk losing their place on the bus for persistent and/or significant disruption.

Please be assured that action is being taken. Wadham staff will continue to play an active part in greeting students and helping them leave the site each day, managing the bus drivers and transport team to ensure the safety and well-being of those involved.

Do contact me directly should you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely

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