

School transport advice for Parent/Carers issued 14/07/20

Please see below excerpt from latest (02/07/20) Department for Education advice for Dedicated School Transport on the September return to School

The Government guidance is in BLACK

The Travel Support Teams comments are in RED

Dedicated school transport, including statutory provision

Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of 2 metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a 'one metre plus' approach where this is not possible, **will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport.**

The approach to dedicated transport should align as far as possible with the principles underpinning the system of controls set out in this document and with the approach being adopted for your setting.

It is important to consider: -

- How pupils are grouped together on transport, where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within the setting. **We will be adhering to school "Bubbles" where possible. However, in order to do this, the mix of pupils and transport staff involved on transport routes may not be consistent with last year as many routes will have to significantly change to accommodate the bubble groupings as well as the new September intake**
- Use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking – **Yes**
- Additional cleaning of vehicles. - **Yes**
- Organised queuing and boarding where possible – **Yes**
- Distancing within vehicles wherever possible **Yes – but note will not always be possible**
- The use of face coverings for children over the age of 11, where appropriate - for example if they are likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they do not normally meet. - **Where appropriate and possible, but not mandatory**
- **Parent/Carer checklist asked daily by transport staff on collection – your transport provider will ask parent/carers questions on collection – these are aimed at keeping all safe and we ask for your cooperation in this**

We will be updating our current transport guidelines for our transport staff at the end of term, and may further update before September depending on developments

The **current** transport staff guidance can be seen here, however remember we will update this at the end of this term to reflect the guidance for September 2020.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/media/15572/covid-19-guidance-for-transport-operators-dudley-2020-05-29.pdf>