

17 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR THE WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOLS**

We are aware that some children will either need to, or wish to, continue to travel on their NYCC provided home to school transport service. North Yorkshire County Council will endeavour to arrange transport for pupils who usually travel where they have sufficient notice, and in doing so will try to provide for social distancing, but they cannot guarantee or enforce it. Where service capacity is limited, priority will be given to pupils who are entitled to free travel under the Home to School Transport policy.

So that NYCC can assess demand and make appropriate arrangements they require that existing users of NYCC provided transport who wish to use services in week commencing 22 June complete this survey [weblink](#) which is now live. If your child has been accessing Council provided Home to School Transport in order to attend school during lockdown you are still required to submit this form to receive transport going forward.

The closing date for registration for services in week commencing 29 June is 12pm on Monday 22 June. All future closing dates are shown on the webpage.

Should any parent/carers experience difficulty with registration please contact NYCC on 01609 780780.

You are strongly advised to register by the cut-off date each week so that arrangements can be made for your child. Transport may not be available for your child if registrations are not submitted by the weekly closing date. NYCC services that do operate will be to normal routes and times that were operating prior to lockdown. If, having registered, there is any difficulty with arrangements you will be contacted directly by NYCC.

Please do not complete the survey if your child accesses transport which is arranged directly by School rather than NYCC.

The latest Government advice for parents on returning to school, including considerations around transport [can be found here](#). Parents should also be aware of the Government guidance which recommends people should avoid travel using public transport, and that passengers on public transport are recommended to wear face coverings if they can. Drivers and any passenger assistant on NYCC provided transport may be wearing them, and parents should prepare their children, especially younger ones, for this. NYCC is not insisting that children wear face coverings and this aligns with the Government advice that Primary age children should not wear them in School. However, if you want your child to wear a face covering whilst on an NYCC transport service that is a matter of parental choice.

NYCC understands parents may not wish their child to travel on council transport at this time and that you are of course free to make your own arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Rahn  
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