



# The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **School Transport Update September 2020**

We have been working closely with the bus companies and SYPTE over a number of months to ensure we can maintain our School Bus services for reopening in September. As you will be aware due to current restrictions on public transport, capacity on these services has been significantly reduced. As some of our services were open to the public, changes have been made to ensure we have enough capacity to get all pupils to and from School.

### **What the Government Guidance says on School Transport:**

*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 two 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.*

### **What will happen if my child travels to School on dedicated McAuley bus run by First?**

First Bus Company have altered a number of their services so that they are now dedicated school buses meaning that they are not open to the public and can run at full capacity. They will continue to run the same routes as last year but some of the bus numbers may have changed. To find the exact time and location of bus pick-ups you can use the South Yorkshire route planner <https://journeyplanner.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>

First Bus Company will, at times, be using other providers to help with capacity so pupils travelling in an afternoon may find they are not boarding a First bus, however, these are operated by First and their ticket will be valid.

Information for all Fares and ticketing can be found on the First Bus website.

### **What if my Child uses a different School bus service other than First?**

If your child uses a Wilfreda Beehive service from Retford or Ordsall, or one of the three services that are run by the School, these will operate as normal as they are dedicated bus services.

Information on routes will be published early next week and will be on the School website.

If you have booked onto one of the three School buses run by McAuley from Conisbrough, Campsall and Tickhill you will receive a direct email early next week with full details of payment and timings.

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**"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10**

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### **What if my Child uses Public Transport?**

Pupils can still use the public buses to attend school, however, they need to be mindful that capacity on these services has been reduced and this will have an impact on their journey to and from School. They should ensure they set off in plenty of time so that they are not late for School. Information on public buses to McAuley can also be found on <https://journeyplanner.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>

### **How must my child conduct themselves to enable them to travel safely?**

#### **Before boarding:**

- **Queuing and boarding**
- In a morning pupils should queue sensibly and ensure they maintain their distance from any members of the public who maybe waiting at the bus stop from other services.
- For the journey home, this will be controlled by staff in the afternoon to ensure it is done safely and in year group bubbles as much as possible.
- Students will be expected to use hand sanitiser upon boarding the bus

#### **During the journey:**

- In all cases persons over 11 will legally be required to wear a face covering whilst on the bus. This is for all school and public transport. **If a pupil does not wear a face covering they driver will not allow them on the bus.**
- **We expect students to adhere to our expectations of behaviour on all forms of transport. Severe sanctions could include being banned from using dedicated services.**

#### **On arrival at School:**

- Students will be expected to use hand sanitiser upon disembarking in the morning.

All updates on timetable and routes will be posted on the School website and further details will be placed on social media. If you have specific questions about the School transport please contact [mallison@mcauley.org.uk](mailto:mallison@mcauley.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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