

Dear Parents,

The current guidance from the Scottish Government for home to school transport limits the capacity on all vehicles to 50%. With this in mind we would politely ask that where possible, families make private arrangements to travel to/from school in order to reduce pressure on these services. Your help in this regard would be very much appreciated.

However, if your travel options are limited and you do wish to make use of public/school transport please consider the following guidance that will apply on all buses and coaches:

- Pupils should maintain appropriate distance and where possible, they should sit with no-one next to them, except for children from the same household who can sit next to each other.
- The guidance asks for a space in between pupils sideways, staggered “zig-zag” style seating, with pupils permitted to sit alternately in window/aisle seats in each row of the vehicle.
(In one row a pupil will sit next to the window, in the row behind the pupil will sit next to the aisle)
- For the avoidance of doubt, minibuses are treated the same as buses
- Pupils aged 5 and above must wear a face mask/covering (unless they are exempt) at all times; while boarding, travelling and disembarking from a bus / coach
- The buses and coaches are cleaned and treated with antiviral solutions, but we ask that pupils use hand sanitiser before boarding.
- No one is permitted to eat or drink on a bus or coach

Capacity and booking

On all routes the normal number of buses / coaches will be operated. This will mean a reduction in capacity. All services will operate on a first come first served basis.

First Bus: If you wish to use a First Bus then please turn up at your stop at the normal time. Given that we are not operating at full capacity as a school, we are not anticipating that we will reach the 50% capacity on these services.

Hunters Coaches: Please book a seat for Journeys to and from school using the RideKura System, making sure you book a Morning and an Afternoon seat if required. Please note that there will be no late buses. You will only be charged for the journey made, but please make sure you only book on the days your child/children need to travel.

Please note:

- Charging for journeys made, means you will not be charged for booking a seat, only for a journey undertaken. Bookings will be audited against journeys taken.
- Only book for Journeys between 15th March and the Easter Holidays. Guidance and capacities are likely to change for the start of the Summer Term.
- Pupils using the service must tap on and off the coach using their band. It is important that pupils tap off the coach on their homeward journeys.
- Pupils can only depart the coach at registered stops.
- Pupils must not use the two seats behind the driver.

Information on our Timetables can be found on the school website: ["Travelling to Dollar"](#)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours Sincerely
John Hughes