

Dear Parent / Carer

Please read the guidance below regarding advice from East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding school transport during the current situation.

Firstly, it has been acknowledged by the Government that it may not always be possible to adhere to the 2-metre social distancing rule on transport. However, East Riding of Yorkshire Council staff have taken the decision that, where possible, there will be no more than a 50 per cent occupancy on transport provided by the Council when transporting children to school.

Where parents feel that transport provided by the Council is not suitable the Council are not in a position offer alternatives.

- Pupils should not travel if the pupil or any member of their family have symptoms, they must then isolate for 14 days
- Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not be attending school
- Parents should be encouraged **where possible** to bring their children to school themselves, they could consider walking, cycling or driving
- Parents should talk to their children about distancing measures to ensure their child understands there should be no physical contact
- Parents may wish to provide face coverings for their children to wear whilst on transport – this is purely a personal preference and parents must be confident that their child can use this safely. Drivers and school staff will not be responsible for the safe use of face coverings.
- Children should not eat or drink on transport, this is particularly important at this time (to reduce hand to face contact)
- Parents should talk to their children about safe queuing at bus stops

Additional advice and guidance from the Council:

- Parents should ensure children wash their hands and face before leaving the house
- Contractors who provide transport will be using smiley faces and crosses on their vehicles to illustrate where children and young people should and should not sit
- The School will ensure that each child washes their hands and face before starting the school day (children who arrive wearing a face covering should remove it, place in bag then wash)
- Window will be open on the transport to improve ventilations so children need to wear suitable clothing
- As usual, schools, parents and children are encouraged to use the Buswise system to report any issues on transport

[\(https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-transport/buswise/\)](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-transport/buswise/)

We hope that this guidance supports your decisions about whether to use the school transport or not during this time.