

SJH/JAH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: School Buses

As you are aware we have been having serious issues with school buses this year and have been working hard to get all our students home safely at the end of the day. Unfortunately our biggest problem has been that we only have 480 seats available on the buses to accommodate nearly 1000 requests. With this in mind we have strived to find the fairest way to allocate passes.

Priority has had to be given to the Year 7 students who live 2 miles and over and older students who live 3 miles and over. Students who live within a mile and a half from school have not been allocated any school bus. This is to allow the pupils who live further away a seat on the bus.

We have added an additional service of the 488 in the afternoons. The first service leaves school at approximately 3.30pm and then returns at 3.55 to carry out the second run. Several students have been issued with passes for this additional service for the second run. We do realise that there is a delay from finishing school to the time that this second bus leaves but our schools Learning Resource Centre will be open, warm and dry and with supervision for your son/daughter to do any home work until it is time to go for the bus.

We are now pleased to inform you that we have issued cards for every student in school with their bus allocation. If a student has priority, their card will have a bus number followed by a P (Priority). This will allow the student to get on the bus first; all remaining students with an allocated bus number will then be able to board.

We do apologise for the inconvenience but we are trying to meet the needs of all our students, we feel that not all parents will feel that these arrangements meets their child's need but we feel that this is the fairest and only solution to this issue.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Hill
Headteacher