

28th August 2020

Transport Arrangements Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and students

Following on from the letter sent regarding the Autumn 2020 full academy opening, we would like to update you on the transport arrangements for September. We have been working with North Lincolnshire Council and transport providers to make sure we have full transport for September that meets the government guidelines. This may mean some changes to the types of vehicle and routes that are used and we ask for your understanding with this.

Transport will continue to run as close to normal as possible, although we have made some changes:

1. All students must wear a face covering when on school transport (normal exemptions apply)
2. Hand sanitiser will be provided at the entrance of the school bus (not in taxis), we ask that students use this sanitiser on entry to the vehicle and when leaving the vehicle.
3. We will require students to sit in their year groups whilst on school transport. On double decker buses years 7, 8 & 9 students must sit upstairs with year 9 at the back, year 8 in the middle and year 7 at the front. Years 10 and 11 students must sit on the lower deck of the bus with year 11 at the back and year 10 at the front. On single decker buses and coaches we require year 11 students at the very back then year 10, 9, 8 and year 7 at the front. We appreciate this will be difficult to maintain but we ask all parents to make their children aware of this. We will be ensuring students are sat in the correct places at the end of the school day.
4. We would ask that social distancing be adhered to wherever possible. i.e queuing at bus stops.
5. Buses and Taxis will be cleaned between every journey.
6. Ventilation in the vehicles is very important, some windows and vents will be open. Please ask your child not to shut them. This will need to be reviewed when the colder weather starts.
7. Whilst students wait at their bus stop we ask them to social distance, have their face mask on ready and their bus pass available to show the driver. For the first

two weeks of term bus drivers are aware some students are yet to receive their bus passes.

8. In the past students have been able to travel on different buses other than their own to visit family and friends. This will no longer be permitted. Students will only be able to travel on their allocated bus.
9. Any student who deliberately does not follow these transport rules or misuses either their face covering or the hand sanitisers provided, will receive an immediate suspension from their transport, it will then become the parents/carers responsibility to ensure attendance at school.
10. Students should **NOT** board transport if they or someone they live with is unwell with symptoms of the virus.
11. If your child develops symptoms of the virus whilst at school, they will not be able to use school transport to get home. We will contact parents and ask them to make arrangements for their child's collection.

We realise there may be an increase in the amount of students who choose to get dropped off/collected from school in September. We do not have the capacity for parent/carers to come on to school site to collect their child. As usual we ask for all drop offs/collections to happen off school site.

We understand that there is a lot of information to take in revolving around your child's return to school and hope the above helps to clarify the measures we are taking on school transport to keep your children safe.

North Lincolnshire Council have put out a similar transport letter for all students using their transport, this can be found on our website. If you would like to read the full government guidance regarding home to school transport and the return to school in the Autumn Term please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>

We will keep you updated the best we can as the guidance for school transport changes.

Please contact admin@theaxholmeacademy.com with any queries.

Yours sincerely

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