



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope your child is looking forward to returning to school. The Council realises that as well as being happy that schools are returning, parents/carers and pupils will also have questions and concerns. For many, school transport will be one of their concerns.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Scotland, school transport will have to change in certain ways. We all need to work together to make sure that we are all doing everything we can to protect ourselves, others and avoid the spread of COVID-19.

The Scottish Government published *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance on preparing for the start of the new school term in August 2020* on 30 July 2020 and within this document there is guidance on school transport. A copy of this document is available on the Council's website. This guidance has been informed by the scientific advice of the COVID-19 Advisory Sub Group on Education and Children's Issues, published on 16 July 2020.

Perth & Kinross Council's Public Transport Unit has produced the attached School Transport Guidance for Pupils to highlight what they need to do, or not do, when travelling on school transport, developed from the Scottish Government Guidance.

The scientific advice makes clear that maintaining distance between young people on dedicated school transport is not necessary where the vast majority, if not all, passengers are school pupils. However, physical distancing measures are still required around all school transport drivers and any adult passengers that may use the school bus.

The Public Transport Unit staff are working with transport operators to identify the risks arising from COVID-19 and to minimise any risks to pupils and their staff travelling on school transport. Transport Operators will ensure an effective enhanced cleaning regime is introduced for their school transport vehicles and will update their risk assessments accordingly.

Children, young people and adults must not board dedicated school or public transport if they, or a member of their household, have symptoms of COVID-19. If a child or young person develops symptoms while at school, they will be sent home. They must not travel on regular home-to-school transport. The school should contact the parent/carers who should make appropriate and safe arrangements to collect the child or young person. In this situation, the wearing of a face covering by the child or young person on the journey home is strongly advised.

Please make sure that your child fully understands all our guidance before they start back at school and follows all the advice provided.

We know these are difficult times and that the changes to school transport may be challenging for many pupils but we very much appreciate all your help and support in this matter and your child's co-operation in following the guidance.

If you have any concerns or questions about this information, guidance or school transport in general please email **schooltransport@pkc.gov.uk** If you do not have access to email, please phone the Council's Customer Services on 01738 475000 who will forward your query on to the Public Transport Unit for handling.

If you or someone you know would like a copy of this document in another language or format, (on occasion only a summary of the document will be provided in translation), this can be arranged by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000

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You can also send us a text message on 07824 498145.

All Council Services can offer a telephone translation facility.



What You Need To Do When Travelling on School Transport

Back to School Information for Pupils

Protect Yourself and Others



- Do not use school transport if you, or a member of your household, have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Make sure you wash or sanitise your hands before you board your school bus or taxi.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Do not eat or drink on your school bus or taxi.
- Keep your school bus or taxi clean – do not litter.
- Carry a bottle of hand sanitiser so that you can regularly sanitise your hands.
- Carry a packet of tissues with you in case you need to sneeze or cough – take your tissue off the vehicle and bin it “Catch it, kill it, bin it”.

Face Coverings



- Unless you are medically exempt, you will need to wear a face covering if travelling in a taxi or minibus.
- Face coverings for pupils on school buses are not a requirement, but you may wish to wear a face covering on the school bus and that is absolutely fine to do that. Remember not to leave it on the bus.
- If you leave a disposable or reusable face covering on your school bus or taxi, it will be securely disposed of and will not be held as lost property.

Ventilation



- We need to keep fresh air circulating in vehicles as much as we can, so bus and taxi windows will be open in all weathers. Do not close the windows and make sure you are dressed warmly as the vehicle will be colder than normal.

Getting on the School Bus



- *Make sure you have washed or sanitised your hands before boarding the bus.*
- *Have your bus pass ready before you board the bus.*
- *Show the driver your bus pass then go straight to a seat.*
- *If any seats have a notice stating they are out of use or not for school pupils, then do not sit in them.*
- *Fasten your seatbelt.*
- *If the driver asks you to move seat, please do so as they will have a good reason for asking you.*

Getting off the School Bus



- *Wait until the bus stops before you leave your seat.*
- *Make sure you take your face covering with you if you have chosen to wear one. Temporary face coverings should be disposed of in a bin or reusable face coverings should be placed in a plastic bag and taken home.*

Taxi and Minibuses



- *Make sure you have your face covering fitted over your nose and mouth before you get into the taxi or minibus, unless you are exempt from wearing a face covering.*
- *Do not sit in the front seat of the taxi or minibus.*
- *Do not sit in any minibus seats beside or directly behind the driver. These seats may have a notice stating they are out of use or not for school pupils.*
- *If you are travelling on your own in a taxi (saloon car), please sit in the rear left-hand seat of the car.*