

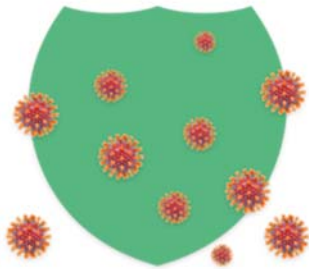
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Important Easy Read Information for Parents, Carers and Pupils about COVID-19





It is important that children travel safely to school



Coronavirus or COVID-19 means the way your child travels to school in September will change



We asked for your views in a survey and you may already be making plans for September



Derbyshire County Council have been working with schools and colleges in Derbyshire to plan for their opening in September



We used the current government rules



We will update this guidance if the government rules change



This guidance is to help you to plan how your child will travel to school from September onwards



It is best if your child can walk to school with someone



Or in your car



If this is not possible then those children that are eligible for school transport can still use it



We need to make sure all the children are as safe as possible



Talk to your child before they go back to school in September and explain that the transport might be a bit different to what they are used to



Some school transport is in one vehicle (such as a car). There is just the driver and no other members of staff



The risk of getting COVID-19 will be low if the child and driver are careful



Some children travel to school with other children



This might be in a minibus



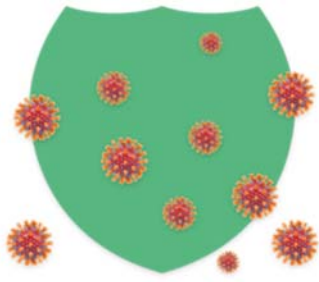
We will try to transport children in the same year groups together



If there are too many children we will try to put on extra buses



This might not always be possible if there aren't enough buses, drivers and passenger assistants available



We will try and make each journey as safe as possible



There may be less seats in buses and less people travelling on them



What we will do:



- There is new safety guidance for the transport providers



- We will tell the transport providers about the new safety guidance before schools, colleges and academies start in September



- The vehicles will be cleaned regularly



- There will be hand sanitiser in the vehicles



- It is best if all children could have their own hand sanitiser and some tissues in case they need to cough or sneeze



- Windows will be open as much as possible depending on the weather



- The drivers and passenger assistants do not need to wear a face covering but some may choose to wear them



- There may be some changes to the pick-up times for some children and young people



- We have lots of children to get to school from all over Derbyshire so it won't be possible to follow the new start and finish times



- The timetable for pick ups and drop offs will be the same in September as they were before schools closed due to COVID-19



- Drivers will do the best to keep everyone safe. They need to concentrate on the road so they won't be able to make sure everyone sits in a set place or make sure people keep their face covering on



What will children need to do:



Your child must not travel if:



- They have any COVID 19 symptoms.
The main symptoms are:



a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)



a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing fits in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than normal)



a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



- They are self-isolating because they have COVID-19 symptoms or in a household or bubble with somebody with symptoms



- If they are very vulnerable due to their health and have been told to keep shielding by their Doctor



- They have been told by the NHS's test and trace service that they should self-isolate



There are some children and young people that have a good reason not to wear a face covering. These include people who:



- Have a physical or mental condition such as a learning disability



- Have a disability that means they cannot put on or wear a face covering



- If putting on or wearing a mask would make them very upset



- If travelling with someone that needs to lip read to communicate



You can get more information on the internet about people that don't need to wear face coverings at:
www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#exemptions-face-coverings



- If possible your child should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise before both journeys and when they get into school or home



- Where possible, your child should have their own hand sanitiser and some tissues in case they need to cough or sneeze



If they don't have tissues but need to sneeze or cough, they should do this into the crook of their elbow, to protect the other passengers in the vehicle



- Where possible, your child should sit with children or young people from within their bubble



- Your child should sit facing forwards and not turn around to talk to their friends



- Your child should try not to shout, talk loudly or sing, as this may help spread the virus



- Where possible, your child should sit in the same seat each day



- Where possible, your child should avoid touching anything other than their own things



And finally



This is a very difficult time for families, schools, the Council and the transport providers



If there are any issues we will do our best to sort these



We will change services as we get new government advice



We hope that everyone will follow this guidance, and any other guidance we issue, if the government change their advice



If you would like to read further guidance about school transport, please visit the Council's website derbyshire.gov.uk/septschooltransport



This is the latest information at the time of going to print based on Government advice. We will update the guidance on the website if the advice changes. Please check the website regularly