



## COVID-19 – Safe Use of School Transport

- Pupils will be asked to use a regular seating plan (to reflect where possible the group bubbles that are used within school), and measures are in place to ensure vehicles are cleaned regularly and boarding is managed.
- First passengers to board, sit at the rear of the vehicle.
- Seats with seatbelts fastened are not to be used.
- Drivers to exit the vehicle and stand apart from the door while passengers board and disembark
- Face coverings are required at all times on public transport (for children over the age of 11). We would also request that they are worn on school transport as children will not be in their consistent year groups.
- Hand sanitiser will be available on each school bus.
- Children must wash their hands immediately on arrival at school, dispose of any temporary face coverings they may have been wearing in a covered bin, or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag to take home, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.
- Public Health England does not currently recommend the use of face coverings in schools. They are not required in schools as pupils are mixing in consistent groups.
- All school transport will be target sprayed with an anti-microbial protective system.
- Additional touch point cleaning of vehicles will be in place between journeys.
- Protective screens will be in place between driver and passengers.

### To ensure safe travel, staff and parents should ensure they are;

- Not leaving home if anyone has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Avoiding travelling on public transport, particularly at peak times.
- Keep a distance of 2 metres where possible.
- If you cannot keep a 2 metre distance, reduce the risk by maintaining a 1 metre distance where possible, and taking suitable precautions such as:
  - Limit the number of people or households travelling together
  - Wash or sanitise hands regularly and thoroughly especially before and after travelling
  - Use a face covering where appropriate
  - Avoid touching their face
  - Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or inside elbow when coughing or sneezing
  - Good respiratory hygiene by using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
  - Travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them.
  - Touch as few surfaces as possible.
  - Avoid loud talking, shouting or singing
  - Dispose of waste safely, including items such as used disposable face coverings.