



BENTON PARK SCHOOL

'Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity'

12th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and that the recent adjustments to some lockdown measures are starting to bring a little normality back to some aspects of your life.

I am writing to you as the parent/carer of a child who uses the bus to attend school. The number of students attending school on a daily basis is set to increase from 15th June, which will inevitably lead to an increase in the amount of students using the school bus service. Consequently, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some additional expectations we have of our students to ensure that the journey to and from school is a safe one for all.

In addition to our usual expectations of students in relation to safe and respectful behaviour towards the driver and fellow passengers, we would also like students to take the following measures:

- Students should sit in a seat next to the window, with only one passenger per double seat. Siblings who live in the same household can, however, sit next to each other.
- Students should not sit in a seat directly in front of or behind another passenger.
- Students should not sit in the seat directly behind the driver.
- Students should avoid unnecessarily touching seats and handrails on the bus that they are not using.
- Students should follow the 2 metre social distancing guidelines, whilst waiting for buses, and when embarking and disembarking.
- As soon as students arrive in school or at home, they should wash or sanitise their hands thoroughly.

In addition to these expectations, you will have also heard in the national press this week that face coverings will be mandatory on all forms of public transport from 15th June. School bus services are classed as 'public transport', so this expectation also applies to all of our students who travel by bus.

It is expected that parents/carers will provide these for their children, and it is important that they are worn for the duration of the journey. This means that they are in place before students get on the bus and are worn until students have disembarked. Students should remove their face covering once they are off the bus to avoid the risks of cross contamination, it is therefore essential that any reusable face coverings are stored safely in a bag, preferably water resistant, to be used on the return journey, and that any used disposable face coverings are put straight in a bin. If you have a genuine

Headteacher: Miss D Martin

Harrogate Road, Rawdon, Leeds, LS19 6LX Tel: (0113) 250 2330

www.bentonpark.org.uk

E-mail: secretary@bentonpark.net

 [@BentonParkSch](https://twitter.com/BentonParkSch)



BENTON PARK SCHOOL

'Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity'

concern about the use of face coverings due to an underlying health condition or if you are unable to provide a suitable face covering please let us know.

We understand that some students will have anxieties about returning to school, so it is essential that all bus users follow these expectations in order for the journey to and from school to be a positive one.

In addition to the student expectations listed above, each school bus is disinfected after every journey, with a deep clean of each vehicle every evening.

Due to the significantly reduced number of students attending school at the moment, not all bus services are running. All stops are being serviced, however the bus may have a different number on than your child is used to catching. Please find attached to this letter the latest timetables that will be in operation. Should these change further, we will update you immediately.

If you have any queries regarding the arrangements for school buses, or if you are struggling to provide a face covering for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you as always for your support of school and our students.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wood
Assistant Headteacher

Headteacher: Miss D Martin

Harrogate Road, Rawdon, Leeds, LS19 6LX Tel: (0113) 250 2330

www.bentonpark.org.uk

E-mail: secretary@bentonpark.net

 [@BentonParkSch](https://twitter.com/BentonParkSch)