HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

SAFETY NOTICE

Dear Parent/Carers,

The Local Authority (LA) and its transport contractors take the safety of all pupils very seriously. Although contractors will normally provide drivers and escorts who are familiar with the pupils who use the home to school bus service, there may be occasions when the regular driver and escort are unavailable. Any substitute driver/escort may be unfamiliar with your child and you as parents.

To ensure the safety of pupils the LA would therefore request the following:-

- All parents must deposit and meet their children at the entrance of the coach. (Please note it is a requirement for parents/carers/responsible adults to meet a primary age child at the coach, regardless of age or perceived ability to walk home without an adult.)
- Children will not be allowed to walk to a waiting car independently. All children will need to be collected from the coach by a responsible adult.

Parents should also:-

- Let the escort know if another parent is collecting your child and identify that parent for the escort.
- Move away from the coach as soon as possible, so that the escort can clearly identify waiting parents and any children who may not have been picked up before the coach departs.
- At drop-off, notify the escort/driver immediately if you can see that a parent/carer has not arrived at the bus stop to meet a child.

Parked cars at designated bus pickup/drop off points

To assist the drivers and to ensure their coaches can park as close to the kerb line as possible and at the bus pickup/drop off points, please refrain from parking

at the edge of the bus stopping point, within the bus stop or just after the bus stop.

Your assistance with the above will ensure the continued safety of children on school transport and will assist both the driver and escort, as well as minimising any disruption to the local highway network.

Thank you for your cooperation

Tony Hart

Senior School Transport Officer