

Our Ref: GC/MD
Your Ref: School Transport
Date: 3 August 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

ASN Transport Guidance – COVID-19

On the 16th July 2020, The Scottish Governments Advisory Sub Group on Education and Children Issues published guidance on school transport provision to support the full time return of pupils on August 12th 2020. Dedicated school transport will be regarded as an extension of the school estate and physical distancing measures between children and young people will not be required. To support the safe transport of children and young people East Ayrshire Council has put in place a range of measures with Transport Operators along with the undernoted guidance for Parent/Carers.

Parents/Carers should follow the undernoted guidance and discuss with their child(ren) where possible, to heighten awareness of the cleaning / sanitation practices which they should adopt at this challenging time prior to entering contracted home to school transport to suppress the spread of Covid 19 infection.

- Children / young people should not board dedicated school 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/carer who should make appropriate and safe arrangements to collect the child or young person from the school
- Ensure their child/young person washes their hands for 20 seconds using soap and hot water
- Consider if the child/young person should wear a face mask, although advisable this is not enforceable and will be at the discretion of the parent / carer in discussion with their child
- When the vehicle arrives, parent/carer should remain at a 2-metre distance to allow the driver/escort to open the passenger door
- Once the passenger door is opened the child/young person should enter the vehicle and sit in the seat advised by the driver
- If child/young person travels with equipment or is a wheelchair user, you should ensure this is cleaned prior to journeys
- During the journey child/young person should not move from designated seat
- During the journey child/young person should not consume food or drink
- During the journey, where possible, child/young person should refrain from touching surfaces, seats, windows and handles

- On arrival child/young person should remain seated until driver opens the passenger door and is met by a member of school staff

If you would like to discuss or have concerns about your child's specific transport journey, please contact a member of the School Management Team or the School Transport Team on 01563 576419

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Corbett', written in a cursive style.

George Corbett
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