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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Communication from parent council**

Please find attached a letter containing information provided by the parent council concerning travel arrangements as we move to the new school. This letter from the parent council has been distributed to all parents at the request of and on behalf of the parent council. Travel arrangements for all pupils are made by parents. The information provided in the attached letter has been collated by the parent council in response to a request for this.

Yours sincerely

**Andy Robson**  
**Head Depute Teacher**



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**BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION ON PROPOSED GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL SCHOOL  
BUS TO NEW CALDERWOOD LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 2017**

**History of the Company**

Anton Coaches is a family business which has been operating in excess of 20 years. Due to health reasons, Tony's father retired from the business and Tony has been running Anton Coaches for the past 15 years.

Anton Coaches' drivers are all PVG checked. The company has confirmed it has in place Employers Liability and Public Liability insurance. We have seen sight of the policies and confirm that the levels of insurance are sufficient.

Anton Coaches employ 3 drivers and currently operate various school runs within East Renfrewshire and the surrounding Glasgow area.

**Summary of Operational Arrangements for families planning to engage in contract with Anton Coaches**

- The contract would be between the parents/ carers and the bus company
- The company will have all parents'/ carers' contact details and will contact them if there are any issues
- The school has agreed ONLY to escort children to/from the bus each school day
- The bus will aim to drop the children at the school at 8.40 am. It is imperative that children are on time at their stops, as the bus will not be able to wait.

**The bus and the route**

The bus route and precise pick up times are still to be agreed, however it has been suggested that the bus will start in the Shawlands area. It will be possible for the bus to drop off at Funlodge after school if there is a need for this.

There WILL NOT be any escorts on the bus as this is not required by law. The driver has the necessary experience to ensure the children behave appropriately and safely whilst on the bus.

If there are any issues on the bus, the driver would speak directly to the parent/ carer. The company will have parent/ carer contact details. The behaviour of the children on the bus IS NOT the responsibility of school staff or Parent Council.

Mearns Castle High School children will not be able to use the bus due to the two schools having different start and finishing times.

Play dates will be allowed to come on the bus, however the cost for this will need to be agreed and the responsibility is that of those parents/carers.

### **Contract and Costs**

**The contract will be directly with Anton Coaches and the parents/carers.**

There is no contract or responsibility between East Renfrewshire Council, Calderwood Lodge Primary or The Parent Council.

- The cost for travelling would be paid in full to the driver at the Monday of each week.
- Payments would cover the full week (5 days).
- It will not be possible to pay only for certain days of the week.
- You would not pay for school holidays. This is standard practice for most private bus companies doing school runs.
- Parents using the bus would need to ensure that all Jewish holidays are agreed in advance with Anton Coaches.

The weekly overall cost for the bus is £700.00 per week. The cost per child depends upon the number of children committed to using the bus. This will be agreed between the Bus Company and parents/carers.

### **Other Information**

- East Renfrewshire Council provide transport for those children living within East Renfrewshire who meet a certain criteria. This information was provided in previous correspondence from The Parent Council. It can also be accessed on East Renfrewshire Council's website.
- Neither staff at Calderwood Lodge nor members of The Parent Council have responsibility for the use of the bus. All issues should be taken up directly with Anton Coaches.
- The Parent Council have provided all the information we have regarding the bus service and will now move on to other matters regarding supporting Calderwood Lodge in its transition and beyond

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Yours Sincerely  
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