

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Williamwood High School – Parent Council Bus Project**

As you may know, the Parent Council has been working behind the scenes to try to secure alternative transport to and from school following the cancellation of the First Bus service which previously served Williamwood High School.

I am delighted that we have been able to secure a service with Whitestar which will operate between the far end of Netherlee and the school. I shall issue precise details of the times and locations at which the buses will stop once we know which pupils wish to use the service.

Subscription to the service is payable termly as detailed below, and is equivalent to £3.75 return per day. Please note that pupils must subscribe to the service for the full term and cannot use the coach on an ad-hoc basis.

Subject to sufficient demand, we hope to start the service on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please be aware that this is a private bus service and is not supervised; however, a member of the Parent Council will be present for the first few days to ensure that routines are embedded and to deal with any issues that arise.

Pupils subscribing to the service will be issued with a pass and allocated a specific seat on the coach. Pupils can collect their pass from the school office on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils are expected to sit in the same seat each day, to wear seatbelts and, in line with current Scottish Government advice, are required to wear face coverings for the duration of the journey.

#### Termly subscriptions costs:

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	£228.75
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£225.00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	£176.25

Please be aware that payment to the coach company is made up-front for the full term and that refunds are therefore not possible if your child no longer wishes to use the service for any reason.

If you would like to purchase a pass for this service, please email me at [williamwoodpc@gmail.com](mailto:williamwoodpc@gmail.com) with your child's name, home address and your emergency contact telephone number, and make your term 1 payment of £228.75 through the ParentPay shop. Please make your payment by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

I shall then contact you during week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September with details of the times and pick-up points. In addition, the school has agreed to speak to pupils in school to outline the practical arrangements and the rules for the coach.

If you have any further questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Parent Council.

Yours faithfully



**Simon Cunningham**

Williamwood High School Parent Council Chair