

Dear Parent/Carer

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

As you know, the Parent Council recently offered to organise a private coach service to transport pupils to and from school following the cancellation of the First Bus service which previously served Williamwood High School.

Thank you to all of you who responded to request a seat for your child on the coach. I am afraid, however, that the number of subscribers was insufficient to be able to go ahead with our plans.

Feedback from parents suggested that many of you would have liked to make use of this service, but that the cost was prohibitive and that the need to pay for the full term upfront made a ticket unaffordable, especially for those of you with more than one child at school.

I am delighted that Whitestar, which was already offering a very competitive price, has agreed to reduce the cost further and to provide the service on a month-by-month basis rather than termly.

The costs shown below are equivalent to £2.80 per day, but require all 50 seats to be booked. It would not be possible to run a partially filled coach. If there is sufficient demand for the service to run, it would commence on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, immediately following the September long weekend. I propose running the service until Easter in the first instance.

#### Monthly subscription costs:

Payment for journeys in October (including 2 days in September)	£51.00
Payment for journeys in November	£59.00
Payment for journeys in December	£40.00
Payment for journeys in January	£54.00
Payment for journeys in February	£48.00
Payment for journeys in March	£64.00

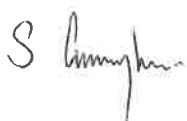
Your monthly payment would be required by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month at the latest.

Pupils subscribing to the service will be issued with a pass and allocated a specific seat on the coach. They will be required to sit in the same seat each day, to wear seatbelts and to wear face coverings for the duration of the journey.

If you would like to subscribe to 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 October payment of £51.00 through the ParentPay shop. Please make your October payment by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. Your next payment would be due on 25<sup>th</sup> October, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month thereafter.

I am happy to provide full details of pick-up points etc. to anyone who wishes more information before reaching a decision. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Parent Council if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



**Simon Cunningham**

Williamwood High School Parent Council Chair