



25 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Travel to and from school

Included below are our expectations and the procedures for students travelling to and from school on the contract buses and public transport as well as students accessing shops in the local area before and after school.

School Contract buses

After discussions with both Nibs and SJH travel, we have agreed the following expectations for safety measures for students travelling to and from school:

- Hands must be sanitised on embarking and disembarking from the bus. Students will need to carry their own sanitiser so ensure the service is not held up
- Face coverings must be worn throughout the journey and only removed once the student has left the bus. Bus drivers can refuse entry to any student who does not have a face covering
- Windows will remain open at all times where possible, students should not close windows to ensure maximum ventilation at all times
- Only sit in rows facing forwards or side on. No-one should be facing another student face on
- Remain seated at all times and not move throughout the bus

Public transport

If students are travelling by public bus or train then we expect them to follow the government advice (see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>); in particular, we have highlighted the following points we feel particularly relevant to school travel:

- use a face covering on public transport and in substantially enclosed areas of transport hubs
- travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
- touch as few surfaces as possible
- avoid loud talking, shouting or singing

Be The Best You Can Be

We appreciate that some services are busy and can become crowded and those students who will leave school at 3.05pm should immediately go the bus stop or train station to catch an earlier train or bus to avoid large queues forming.

We would like to remind you that whilst students are travelling to and from school or whilst they are in uniform which makes them identifiable as a St Martin's student, they remain under the school's behaviour policy.

If students visit shops in the local area whilst in school uniform they will be expected to follow guidance regarding face coverings and social distancing specific to the shop and similarly remain under the school's behaviour policy.

Please refer to Mr Smryk's letter on 24 August for specific bus times. Just to clarify a few queries raised concerning the first day travel provisions, NIBS will not be providing any service in the morning for Year 7 students. SJH travel are providing two services this day and they will operate at the usual timetable (for Year 7 students) as well as one two hours later for the remaining students.

Please contact your child's Year Administrator should you have any queries and we thank you for your anticipated support in this.

Yours sincerely

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