



Bishop Stopford's School

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Re: Transport for London Service Update for Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Transport for London have produced updated guidance for families regarding public transport services for schoolchildren from November to December 2020. Please see below for full details:

We are planning to continue running additional School Services on our bus network after the October half term until the end of the current term in December. School Services would continue to operate similarly to how they have been in the first half of the autumn term, with extra services running and up to half of all buses on certain higher-frequency routes signed as 'School Services' during peak times for school travel. The full list of routes that have School Services and additional services can be found at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/bus-changes>

The Department for Education (DfE), in collaboration with the Department for Transport (DfT), has allocated funding for school services to continue at their current level for the rest of 2020. This is part of the DfE's work with Local Transport Authorities nationwide and is separate to our ongoing discussions with the Government over the wider funding support we require following the impact of coronavirus on our finances.

We will continue to monitor demand on London's bus network to ensure we are providing the most frequent and reliable services possible. We are also continuing to encourage young people to walk, cycle or scoot to school if they can, and for other customers using public transport to travel outside school travel times if possible. We are asking our customers to continue to follow the latest government guidance to ensure they use public transport safely. This includes:

- Planning your journey in advance if you need to travel and where possible travelling at quiet times and on quiet routes. (Quiet times on public transport overall: 08:15 – 16:00 and after 17:30 (on the road network: 10:00-15:00 and after 19:00))
- [Checking how busy any station on the TfL network is, at any time of day](#)
- Wearing a face covering when using public transport (including school services) if aged 11 and over unless exempt for health or equality reasons

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Please remind your son/daughter of the need to wear face coverings on public transport and to respect all passengers during this difficult time. The vast majority of our students observe the relevant rules with great respect and we want to continue to show the public, and ourselves, the very best of Bishop Stopford's students.

Yours faithfully,

Garry Lyle, Deputy Headteacher