



20 August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In anticipation of the children's return to full time education in September we would like to share with you the current advice and guidance for the use of school transport. We recognise that this position might change, so please continue to follow national advice and look for updates on the Louth Academy website.

It is expected that all secondary students using school transport of any sort will wear a mask to and from school unless there is a medical reason for not doing so.

Safe handling of masks—Students should have a dedicated plastic bag for the storage of reusable face masks AND/OR the disposal of single use face masks. On arrival to school face masks must be removed and stored safely in the plastic bag provided by the students. Hands must be washed or sanitised immediately after handling face masks.

Where possible, students should sit near to others in their own year group. Students should also wait for the bus/taxi in year group clusters if they are waiting with others not in their immediate family.

Coaches, taxis and mini-buses will not be allowing food and drink to be consumed on the journey. This is going to be stringently enforced so children should not expect to be allowed to eat or drink while travelling to and from school.

Hand sanitiser, if provided by the transport company, should be used upon boarding and exiting the vehicle.

Personal items and rubbish must be taken with the passenger when leaving the vehicle. Drivers will not be responsible for reuniting lost property with its owner.

Transport companies have the right to refuse travel to any student who fails to comply with the measures put in place for safe travel under current conditions.

We hope you have had a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Dickinson
Principal