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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Transport to School from September 2020 – School Buses**

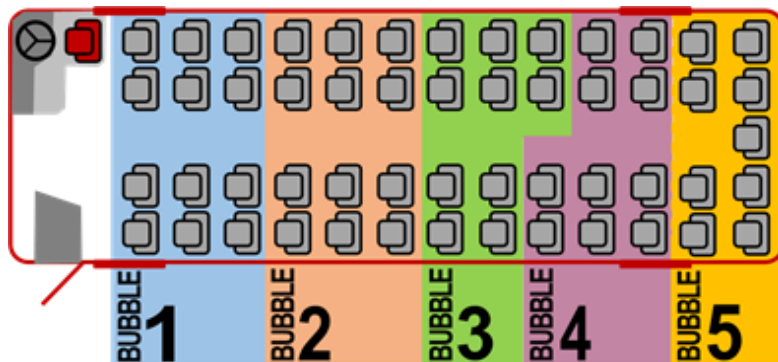
The Local Authority have sent the following details about how school transport will operate from 2 September 2020. If your child uses a public bus service to travel to school this letter does not apply to you.

**Shropshire School Transport for September 2020**

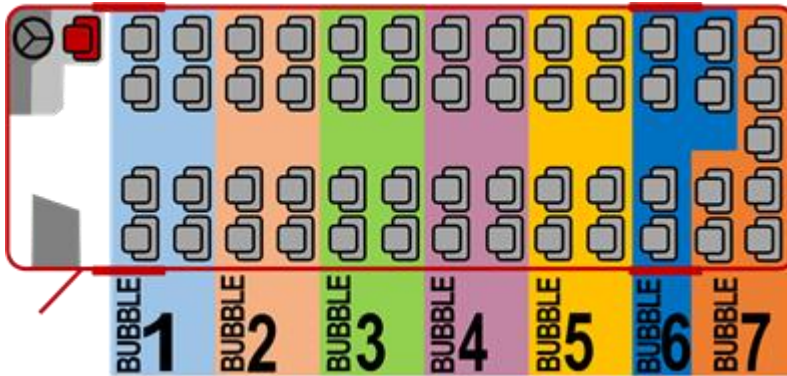
Shropshire Council's approach to school transport from September 2020 is geared to meeting the principles underpinning the system of controls and guidance set out by the DfE and DfT. The Shropshire's school transport network will be geared as follows:

1. Dedicated/contracted school transport buses/taxis will return to 100% passenger loading capacity with effect from 02 September 2020 – **no social distancing**.
2. Where we can, entitled pupils on provided bus/coach transport will be seated to reflect **Year Group 'bubbles'**, with the eldest Year Group 'bubble' sitting at the rear, progressing to the youngest at the front in age order. For SEND we may not always be able to fully accommodate this but will endeavour to do so.

Five 'Bubbles' seating example:



Seven 'Bubbles' seating example:



3. Pupils over the age of 11 should wear **face coverings** whilst on the bus/taxi (note that on public transport this is mandatory). This may not always be possible for SEND pupils . Schools and parents also need to evaluate risks and consider if there are specific reasons why a child may not be able to travel on school transport at any time.
4. Operators will aim to provide **hand sanitiser** for pupils upon boarding buses.
5. We expect pupils to be socially distanced whilst **queuing** and boarding buses where possible – schools will be required to support operators in managing this at the school site.
6. Whilst travelling, pupils should always **stay seated**, avoid physical contact, face forwards and away from others, and not shout or raise their voices.
7. School transport will operate as per its pre-Covid-19 **vehicle sizes, times and routes** but we'll look to provide separate transport for pupils of different schools where they currently share one bus.
8. Transport operators have since April 2020 provided additional **cleaning of vehicles** to protect against Coronavirus.
9. Government (DfT) **Covid-19 travel advice** should be adhered to and can be found using the following link:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>
10. The Council's '**Guidance for School Transport Provision**' should also be followed and this is published on the Council's internet site and will be updated to reflect the new plans for September 2020.  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/guidance-for-school-transport-provision-from-1-june-2020/>

If you have any questions regarding school transport, please contact the school transport services at the Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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