



Your Guide to  
**Travelling on  
School Transport  
in September 2020**

**Stagecoach School Transport** will run from September in line with the guidance published by the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE).

**In line with government guidance larger groups of children who are from the same school can travel in bubbles together.**

At Stagecoach East Midlands we are working hard to ensure your child is safe when travelling. High touch points are sanitised regularly throughout the day and vehicles under go enhanced cleaning daily.

There will be a number of measures put in place in order to help keep everybody travelling safe.



**Please share the guidance in this leaflet with your child** so that they know what to expect when travelling to and from school.

**For students who will get dedicated school bus transport then please note the following:**



Social distancing guidance will not apply to dedicated school transport.

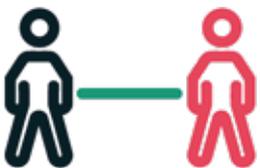
This is because students will not be sharing the school bus with members of the general public and will generally, or mostly, be with the same group of students each day.



Guidance states face coverings should be worn by those over 11 years of age who are not exempt. But we encourage younger children to also wear a face covering if possible. Please ensure they fit correctly and cover the mouth and nose.

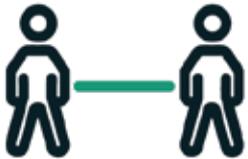


Students should sit with others from their year group or bubble if possible.



If transport is shared with students from another school, then students should sit with others from their own school and bubble where possible and leave space between themselves and the students from the other school where possible.

## For students who get public transport to school you should **BE AWARE** of the following:



Students should observe social distancing guidelines on public services. They can sit next to others from their family or school only.



Face coverings are mandatory on public transport unless someone has an exemption.



When travelling please be mindful that this is going to be a new experience for everybody including other students, transport staff and the general public who may also be travelling.

### **Tips for a safe journey:**

#### **Your Hygiene**

Carry a small hand sanitiser with you so you can clean your hands before and after your journey.

If you touch door handles, railings or any other component of the vehicle do not touch your face until you have washed your hands or used hand sanitiser.

When you arrive at school and at home wash your hands with soap and water.

#### **Face Coverings**

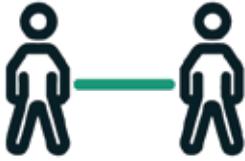
If you are aged 11 or over you are required to wear a face covering on all school and public transport.

The face covering does not need to be a medical grade mask but something to cover the nose and mouth.

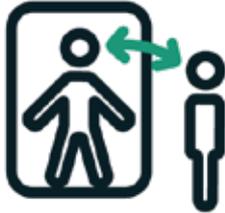
We also advise children under the age of 11 wear one if they are able to do so.

Bring a small sealable bag with you to store your face covering in during the day.

## At the bus stop and boarding:

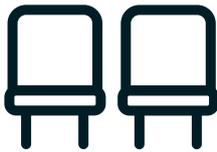


Whilst waiting to board the bus please keep a safe distance from other passengers waiting at the stop.



Please let other passengers off the bus before trying to board.

## On the bus:



You should sit with other students from your group if you can.

Sit side-by-side where possible and avoid face to face contact such as close talking.

Get off the bus at school from the front row by row; also lower deck first then upper deck.

Do not interfere with any tape, signs or barriers that have been placed to help passengers socially-distance.



Where windows are open to help increase the airflow through the bus, do NOT close them.



Please take any rubbish you may have with you when you leave the bus.

## What if my child or someone in my house shows symptoms?

Any child or young person must not travel if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of COVID-19.

Public health advice should be followed as usual, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 then we strongly advise that parents engage with the NHS Test and Trace service by calling 119.

This enables the service to alert people you may have been in close contact with to self-isolate, and therefore help prevent the spread of the virus.

**Please do not allow your child to travel if they, or a member of your family, have any symptoms of COVID-19 which are:**

- a new persistent cough
- high temperature
- change in sense of taste or smell

This information was correct at the time of creation but for latest updates or changes made due to government guidance please visit: [stagecoachbus.com/coronavirus](https://stagecoachbus.com/coronavirus)

