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Hungerhill School Hungerhill Lane Edenthorpe Doncaster DN3 2JY

9 November, 2016

Dear Sir,

SERVICE CHANGES

I am writing to inform you that we have had to make some service changes that will take effect straight after the Christmas break.

Over the last few years we have tried to provide as good a network as we possibly can to give an opportunity for as many pupils to get to school using one of our services and we've been pretty successful at it; many thanks for all the help that you have given us with this. We have provided services that allow children to travel direct to school rather than catch two, or even in some cases, three buses to get to and from their chosen school.

Sadly, over the last three or four years we have seen a gradual reduction in revenue and an increase in costs caused by the following:

- The fare increase from 70p to 80p
- The withdrawal of the Free Travel Pass from Denominational Schools
- Fuel prices rising significantly
- The Living Wage
- First Group and Stagecoach introducing a child weekly saver fare that we cannot compete with

In addition, like most Bus Operators we are finding it increasingly difficult to attract staff to drive the buses. This is a bus industry issue and it is noticeable that even the larger operators are struggling with this.

We have tried to keep services going for as long as possible but we find ourselves in a situation where we can no longer afford to do this and services that are not or barely covering their costs have had to be withdrawn.

The services that affect your school are as follows:

1517 Hungerhill to Hatfield

This bus goes onto a McAuley service in the afternoon. Sadly, that service has been withdrawn and this has had to go because of it. Our other Hungerhill service has not been affected

Should you have any questions please contact us at the depot

Kind regards,

Mick Strafford

Managing Director

576 Hungerhill School – Dunsville – Hatfield

<u>576 – PM</u>

From **Hungerhill School** via Thorne Road, High Street, **Dunsville**, Doncaster Road, Manor Road, High Street to **Hatfield**, High Street/The Bay Horse

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Hungerhill School	15.17
Dunsville, The Flarepath	15.24
Hatfield, High Street/The Bay Horse	15.28

SERVICE CANCELLED FROM TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2017

