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Dear Parent / Carer

First Bus company have sent us the information below regarding their service for the new school year, which has had to be reviewed and amended to take into account Covid-19 restrictions.

"We have tried to keep things as normal as possible for as many schools as we can. Where your students travelled on a bus numbered between 401 and 799 the number will most likely remain the same, as will the times. School buses with these numbers will be able to carry full capacity (including standing) whereas normal service buses will still have social distancing, and when they reach their permitted capacity no further passengers will be picked up. In all cases persons over 11 will legally be required to wear a face covering whilst on the bus.

However, we have identified several journeys on the network which primarily served schools, but whilst open to the public were not generally used by them. These will be given school bus numbers and closed to the public, thus allowing extra capacity to be carried.

It is inevitable that some journeys will be disrupted over the first few weeks of term, especially as we are trying to provide enough capacity to transport the public as well as students. There will undoubtedly be compromises, and we ask all students to allow extra time for their journey, and to feed back any information/concerns/complaints through Hungerhill who will then pass them on.

Please see attached timetable for buses from September. We have tried to accommodate the slightly later finish as far as possible.

The 474 will run as before, except it will be closed to the public, and can therefore carry a full complement of students up to and including standing if necessary.

We have also added an evening 487 journey that will be dedicated to students that will start in the lay by on the main road. The other journeys will be provided by the public 87/87A journeys as before, but these will be with social distancing and limited capacity.

The 87 journeys that used to terminate at Edenthorpe will run as 487/487a and closed to the public and full capacity. It is, therefore, best if as many students use the dedicated buses as possible."

We felt that we should pass this on to help with the planning for your child's journeys to and from school.

Thank you









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