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The Polesworth School

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Dear parent/carer,

Guidance for students using dedicated school transport

As you may be aware it is now mandatory for children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering on public transport (unless exempt). Although this law does not apply to dedicated school transport, Public Health England have issued advice through the document “Transport to school and other places of education: autumn term 2020”. Based upon this advice we recommend that your child wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt from wearing a face covering on public transport.

A face covering is a covering of any type which covers your nose and mouth. A scarf, bandana, religious garment or hand-made cloth covering may also be used but these must securely fit round the side of the face.

We have also introduced a number of measures to manage the risk from our school transport including the staggering of the end of the school day. In addition to this, whilst students wait for buses, Polesworth students do so on school site in their year group bubbles and we ask that parents encourage them to stand in year group bubbles or family bubbles when they are waiting for the bus to arrive in the morning. When boarding the bus, our students are expected to fill the bus from the back in their year group bubbles.

We hope that you will support us in encouraging your child to follow the government guidance that has been adopted by our dedicated school transport so that we can all work together to help keep each other as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully

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