

Important Changes to Giles Bus Service

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you of changes to our Giles Transport arrangements as from September 3rd 2019. Due to a number of factors, some beyond our control, we have had to make the decision to reduce our Giles Bus Service.

Factors that have impacted upon our decision include the retirement of local business owner G Lawton of G & L Travel, ability to accommodate the changing of our school timings, student's numbers within each route, duplication of bus stops by different bus companies and cost implications. Giles Academy has been subsidising some routes and it would be unsustainable to continue on that scale, prices would have needed to increase to a level which we could not justify to parents when there are other companies providing far more efficient, and therefore cheaper, services on the same routes.

We have concluded in order to continue to provide school transport to accommodate the majority of our students, whilst operating in an economical and sustainable manner, we will be working with Brylaine Travel to provide a solution. We have been liaising with Brylaine to ensure a smooth transition to these new arrangements.

Giles Bus Service will no longer operate a service collecting students at the following locations:

Sleaford Road (all stops)
Oldrids Downtown
Kirton
London Road (all stops)
Skirbeck Road (Skinners)
Fishtoft Memorial

These pick-up locations are serviced by Brylaine Travel, currently using buses **F41** and **C19**. Brylaine have notified the Traffic Commissioner to update their timetables with our school time changes and increase number of students using their services.

Students who were previously collected by **Giles Bus Service** at these locations will now use Brylaine Travel on a pay-daily or smart card (e-purse) option. Details can be viewed on their website www.brylaine.co.uk or contact **01205 364087**.

Giles Bus Service will now operate single decker buses, we will concentrate our service in areas that are not serviced by Brylaine Travel, with an appropriate distribution of students utilising all services.

We realise that this change may not be favoured by some families, we hope that you can appreciate that Giles Academy has done its absolute best to ensure students transport needs are accommodated within these changes.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Widdows
Headteacher