

# Giles Bus Service 2020-2021

## Travelling Guidelines

### Social Distancing

Social distancing guidance which is in place for public transport will not apply to school transport as it is not being used by the public. Therefore school vehicles will be filled to their normal capacity and the following will apply:

Please support your child to maintain social distancing while queuing at bus stops.

We have queuing arrangements in place for picking up and dropping off children.

If your child needs your help to get into a vehicle, we recommend that you:

- limit the time you spend in the vehicle
- wear a face covering
- wash your hands thoroughly before and after

Social distancing is not required on dedicated school transport, however, social distancing should always be maximised within vehicles wherever possible. This is in line with Government guidance because:

- the overall risk to children and young people from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low
- they do not mix with the public on these journeys
- dedicated school transport carries the same group regularly. These children may also be together in school
- it allows for planning to put appropriate protective measures in place

There is no requirement for children to sit in their year group bubble on dedicated school transport. However, where possible, children should try to sit within their bubbles and be socially distant. When leaving a vehicle, children will be asked to leave from the front to the back, one deck at a time.

## Preventing the risk of infection

Transport drivers must focus on driving vehicles safely. They are not responsible for overseeing whether children follow the advice and guidance.

Parents and carers must ensure that their children understand how to use transport safely.

Children must not travel to school if they:

- are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms
- are self-isolating as a result of coronavirus symptoms
- are sharing a household or support bubble with somebody with symptoms
- have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate

If a child becomes unwell during a school day, parents and carers must arrange their collection from school or college. You cannot use dedicated school transport or public transport.

Children must wash their hands thoroughly before and after using transport.

We recommend that children carry tissues on transport to catch any coughs or sneezes. They must dispose of tissues safely in a covered bin after leaving the vehicle. They must wash their hands as soon as possible.

Children must not consume food or drink on dedicated school transport vehicles.

## Face Coverings

All travellers must wear a face covering on dedicated school transport if they can. Public Health England recommends this for all children aged 11 and over.

You do not need a face covering if you have an exemption from their use on public transport.

We will not refuse pupils on dedicated school transport if they do not have a face covering.

Pupil must:

- wash their hands immediately upon arrival
- dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin
- place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag
- wash their hands again

**If you have any further questions please contact [pfixter@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:pfixter@gilesacademy.co.uk)**