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Dear Parents/carers,

BUS TRAVEL TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

TfL has updated their transport plans for the return of schools in September.

They are asking parents to encourage children to travel to school by **walking, cycling or scooting wherever possible.** They are also planning to make important changes to the bus network for those who cannot do so.

From 1st September they are planning to:

- Add over 230 extra buses to the network to bolster some of the busiest low-frequency routes for schoolchildren to travel on, including adding more vehicles to their existing school bus services
- In addition, designate some existing regular buses as School Services, which would be prioritised for school travel and would operate at full seated capacity, as is permitted by Government guidelines for school bus services. Signs would clearly indicate that these are School Services.

Customers aged 11 and over are required to wear a face covering when using public transport services (including our school services) or stations, or taxi and private hire services, unless they are exempt on health or equality grounds. They are also asking people to carry hand sanitiser and wash their hands before and after they travel.

The planned service changes are proposed to remain in place until at least the end of October, although could be subject to change.

Please regularly check tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation for the latest information on their services and safer travel guidance - including a list of routes affected by these proposals.

Please note that there will be no changes to fares and ticketing for children in September. Any changes will be widely communicated once finalised.

Stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Jay
Headteacher