

The Sittingbourne School

Guidance for Travel Provision

Wider School opening to Year 10 and 12 from 15 June 2020



All students are expected to follow guidance on social distancing whilst using public transport to come to school. Those using bus or train services must adhere to the direction of the travel companies, at all times. Below is some guidance on what travel provisions will look like.

Travel by train and bus

- As of 15 June 2020, there will be three buses a day, all scheduled to arrive at 8.15am. At the end of the day, the 371 services will depart at 15.10pm. Whereas the 372 service will depart 15.20pm from the bus park.
- Students traveling by bus/train must wear a face covering, as per government guidelines. Failure to wear a mask will result in students not being able to travel (Masks will not be provided). Government guidance on face coverings;
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#face-coverings>
- All the drivers will be wearing a visor or a mask.
- Hand sanitisers are positioned at the entrance/exit of every bus and all passengers must use this when entering and exiting the bus.
- Cash will still be taken on the bus (Travelmaster). However, please make sure the students have the correct amount to save unnecessary cash handling.
- Protective screens have been installed in the driver's cabin and within the buses. Only students from the same household will be allowed to sit together.
- There will be signs on buses indicating 2 metre distancing and there will be seats not in use to enforce social distancing. Students must adhere to signs.
- When students arrive at the school site, they will be met by staff and must remain seated until instructed to leave the bus. Students must continue to follow the social distance measures when on the school site.
- When students depart school at 3pm, they will form a queue using the markings provided and will follow the staff instructions, again to adhere to social distancing measures.
- Further guidance, timetabling and contact information for Travelmasters can be found at:
<http://www.travel-masters.co.uk/school.htm>

Students travelling by car

- For students arriving in the morning by car, the school gates will be closed from 8:20. Parents will need to drop off their children on Swanstree Avenue.
- Collection in the afternoon. Parents collecting their children in cars can enter the site to pick up their children, however they must remain in their cars.

Students walking or cycling

- Students will be given clear instructions about which entrances that they may or may not use. Please note that at the end of the school day there will be no facility for students to stay on site to wait for friends or transport.
- Where possible, try to maintain social distancing when you walk or cycle, for example when approaching or passing other pedestrians or waiting at crossings and traffic lights.
- Students will still be able to lock cycles in the bike shed. However, it will be one at a time and in line with social distancing measures.
- Where using bikes wash your hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise your hands before and after cycling.