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To the parents of all children and young people using Wiltshire Council secondary school transport buses and coaches

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Dear Parent,

## **Passenger Face Coverings on Dedicated School Transport Services**

The first few weeks of the new school year are always a time of change, and none more so than this year as children and young people have had to get used to new arrangements and policies within school.

As your child is now, hopefully, settling into their new routine I would ask you to strongly impress upon them the importance of wearing a face covering when travelling on their school bus, unless they are specifically exempted from doing so on medical grounds, just as they would on ordinary public transport or in shops, and as they probably now do while moving between classes around school.

The wearing of a face covering on school transport not only helps to reduce the risk of them catching Coronavirus, but also helps to protect other pupils and the driver as social distancing isn't practical during the journey.

I would like to assure you that we have been working closely with all of our school transport contractors during the summer to ensure that they have the necessary staff behaviour policies and procedures in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection as much as possible. Additionally, all vehicles used on school contracts are now subject to extra deep-cleaning regimes, and additional cleaning of "touch points" during each day. The need for passengers to wear a face covering whilst on transport is another part of our control measures.

You can find all of our guidance to operators, schools and FAQ's for parents at the following link, [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-covid19](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-covid19)

If you have any concerns regarding your child's home to school transport, please email [passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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