

New College Buses 2020/21

For the upcoming academic year we intend to run our College bus service as normal which adheres to the latest government guidelines for school and colleges transport. It states that there does not need to be any distancing or face coverings (although we are asking for them to be worn) on educational transport

. Please find this information in the following link;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/what-fe-colleges-and-providers-will-need-to-do-from-the-start-of-the-2020-autumn-term>

The bus company we use have put together a short video to let you know the measures they are putting in place to help make students and parents feel a little more at ease come September. Again the link is below;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAnESVk2rQQ>

Key Points to remember;

- Please keep your distance from other students when queueing for the bus
- Put your face mask on before you enter the bus
- Sanitize your hands as you board the bus
- While we are running the reduced breaks timetable, buses will leave at 3.30 (2.45 on Wednesday)

When travelling on a college bus, we along with the coach company endeavour to make your journey as easy possible both to and from college. Due to many different circumstances it is difficult for us to know how many students will be catching each bus, especially early on in the college year, and so we ask for your support and for you to be aware of the following;

- You need to put your hand out in order for the bus to stop, even if you catch it at the same stop every day, as it could be a different driver.
- If a bus has safe standing then students who get on the bus closer to college may have to take advantage of this (not motorway buses).
- If in the first few weeks a bus is full the company will send another onto that route to pick you up (ask the driver).
- Due to the previous 2 points, we and the bus company may change/add routes at any time during the year to make it more convenient for students to get to college, this information will be relayed to you on the TV screens at college as well as by the drivers.
- Students are not permitted to catch a bus without a relevant bus pass (although some drivers, who may know you are very generous and allow this, don't expect it!)
- You need to make the driver aware of which stop you wish to depart the bus in plenty of time for it to stop safely.

For any issues please contact Poppletons Coaches on 01977 703 687 or email college at studentservices@ncpontefract.ac.uk

Kind regards

