

Home to School Transport Code of Conduct additional information in relation to COVID 19

This document provides additional guidance for travel on home to school transport whilst COVID 19 restrictions are in place and should be read in conjunction to the Code of Conduct as this remains relevant with regard to standards and behaviour whilst travelling on school transport. The guidance is available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/code-of-conduct-for-home-to-school-or-college-travel.pdf>

Our key priority is to safeguard the health and safety of all children travelling on Local Authority provided transport and our drivers and passenger assistants.

1. As parents/ carers you are the people who will best understand your child's ability to comprehend the need for social distancing (you must remain 2m apart from other children and adults who do not live in the same household). You will, therefore, need to ensure this takes place through clear instructions issued to your child or provide appropriate levels of supervision whilst waiting for their school transport. You should also ensure the same standards are met in the afternoons once your child has left the vehicle.

2. Transport operators will have measures in place to meet social distancing rules. Please impress upon your child the need to follow all instructions issued by operator staff (drivers and passenger assistants) at all times. This may include, but not be limited to –

- a. How they will board and disembark the vehicle.
- b. Where they will be seated.
- c. Remaining in their allocated seat until instructed otherwise whilst travelling to and from school.
- d. Appropriate use of seat belts.

3. During the current COVID 19 situation for the safety of all those travelling on school transport we need you and your child's co-operation and compliance with these requirements.

Behaviour that does not meet the requirements above or does not meet the standard stated in the Code of Conduct presents a higher level of risk to service users and transport staff. In cases where we have evidence of deliberate acts of misbehaviour, this could lead to the withdrawal of school transport for your child. So please ensure your child understands what is required of them and supervise/instruct them accordingly.

4. If your child coughs or sneezes please ask them to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve (not their hands)

- Ask your child to put used tissues in a bin immediately on arrival at school/home and wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds afterwards.

5. If your child or someone in your home has symptoms of coronavirus:

- **do not leave your home for any reason** and do not allow your child on transport

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus, they need to self-isolate for 7 days.

After 7 days:

- your child can stop self-isolating if their symptoms have gone, or if they just have a cough or changes to their sense of smell or taste – these symptoms can last for weeks after the infection has gone
- keep self-isolating if your child have any other symptoms (such as a high temperature, runny nose, feeling sick or diarrhoea) – they can stop self-isolating when their symptoms have gone

6. If your child lives with someone who has symptoms, they need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started.

This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

If more than 1 person at home has symptoms, your child should self-isolate for 14 days from the day the first person started having symptoms.

- **If your child gets symptoms while self-isolating** – your child should self-isolate for 7 days from when their symptoms started, even if it means they are self-isolating for longer than 14 days.
- **If your child does not get symptoms while self-isolating** – they can stop self-isolating after 14 days.