

Transport Update for September 2020

We hope the following information will provide some reassurance with regards to the safety measures the College has put in place for the beginning of term and via Transport for Greater Manchester.

The full government guidance can be found on the following link but we have summarised this information for your convenience:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The government has made a distinction between dedicated school transport and public transport. As our bus services only carry students, we are classed as dedicated school transport:

‘dedicated school transport, we mean services that are used only to carry pupils to school. This includes statutory home to school transport, but may also include some existing or new commercial travel routes, where they carry school pupils only’.

Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a ‘one metre plus’ approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport.

Measures in place for September on our Private Bus Services (mostly outside the Greater Manchester boundary) will be as follows:-

- All students to wear a face mask for the length of their journey unless a medical condition prevents them from doing so. If this is the case, please contact Angela.Gregory@Winstanley.ac.uk so the correct support can be provided. Drivers may refuse students to board the bus if they are not wearing a face mask.
- Students will be asked to take seats from the ‘back to the front’ to minimise contamination
- Students will be asked to sit in the same seat for both morning and afternoon journeys
- Students must remain seated and forward facing at all times where possible
- Students to sanitize their hands on arrival at College and before boarding at the end of the day
- Bus Operators will ‘deep clean’ the bus each night in preparation for the following morning

For some bus services serving ‘Greater Manchester’ we still expect most of the above but as these services are used by a high number of students, standing is permitted on some services and therefore seats will not be numbered.

Where possible, we encourage students to walk to College and Cycle. Car Parking is permitted for just Upper Sixth students only.

Our first few weeks of term are called ‘the settling down’ period as students get used to the bus timetable. They may even have to stand occasionally whilst students get familiar with different bus routes, it just takes a little time for things to ‘settle down’ and we appreciate your cooperation during the first few weeks.

Please find below some useful contact details:

Transport Enquiries – Transport@Winstanley.ac.uk

Bursary Applications – Bursary@Winstanley.ac.uk

Medical Enquiries – Angela.Gregory@Winstanley.ac.uk

Admissions/Enrolment – Admissions@Winstanley.ac.uk