

OUR REF: XTK/XPD

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Buses

Dear parent/carer



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SCHOOL**

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If your son/daughter travels by bus to and from school, or if he/she is planning to do so in September, below is some important information for you.

We have been working closely with SYPTTE who arrange home to school transport on behalf of the local authority for students eligible for a zero fare bus pass. For more information about free travel and 80p discounted travel between home and school, please visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/childpasses. As well as arranging the service for zero fare students, SYPTTE can accommodate a number of other students within the area who do not qualify for this, including students returning to our Sixth Form. However, every year the demand for each service changes and it may take a few days for students to learn which service they need to use. We recommend that you plan in advance, and that your son/daughter catches the first available service and does not wait for a later bus.

To assist you, please find attached the bus timetables for the start of term in September. In addition, we will publish the timetables on the school website (please click on the [‘The school day and travel’](#) link under ‘Information’).

SYPTTE would like to draw your attention to the following points:

- Students can catch the bus at any bus stop along the route. The timetables show an indicative time for several of the stops along the route. The journey planner (www.travelsouthyorkshire.com) will provide more specific information for stops near your home. We ask that you check a few weeks before the start of term using the journey planner to ensure that you have the most up-to-date travel information. The new timetables should be available on the journey planner around four weeks before the start of term.
- If students live west of the motorway in Sprotborough, we recommend they use services 540, 541 or 542. From September, there will be only one 541 bus.
- If students live east of the motorway, they should use the 441 route as service 541 is likely to be full before reaching this area. The 441 route has been extended to incorporate a greater area of Sprotborough.
- We have been advised that the First South Yorkshire service 441 bus is initially on a trial basis. We need students to use this service otherwise it may be withdrawn if it is not commercially viable.
- The 540 route indicates that it will stop in Cadeby. However, this route is currently still diverted due to issues along the route. Separate arrangements are currently in place for these students.
- The bus companies are as follows for each route:
 - 540/541/542 – Powells Bus Company
 - 441 – First South Yorkshire

The school bus service transports over 300 students each morning and afternoon. We ask parents/carers to please bear with us whilst the new timetables are established and we will continue to work closely with SYPTTE.

For any students arriving at school before 8.40am, the school runs a breakfast club in the dining hall where students can wait until the start of the school day.

Yours sincerely

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