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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to share with you the information we have received from TFL, about transport to school.

As part of the return to school there will be special, school service buses. This will clearly display a green sign saying they are a school service. TFL are asking all children to use these buses only. Children over the age of 11 will be required to wear face coverings on public transport.

Local buses have been very busy over the last few days, with many staff reporting that their own children have struggled to get on buses to attend secondary schools. This is mainly due to the decrease in capacity; with single decker buses only allowing 11 people and double decker buses only allowing 20 people on board (this includes infants and children). One child waited over an hour before they could board a bus to get to their school.

Please remember that the school does not supervise children waiting at bus stops after school. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that their child/ren are safe, and understand how to catch the bus correctly, including what to do if they are refused entry on to the bus.

If you require further information please follow the following link

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/schools-and-young-people/travel-guidance-for-schools?cid=reopeningeducation>

Yours sincerely and see you all very soon,

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Mrs Shilling  
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