

# The Trafalgar School

## FAQ's – Transport (Covid 19)

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The Trafalgar School  
at Downton

### Government guidance for Transport provision 2021 and beyond

We continue to follow government guidelines relating to Covid 19 and school transport, due to the changing nature of these we have included a link to the latest government guidance for reference.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school>

### Will my child have to socially distance whilst on the bus?

No. The overall risk to children from coronavirus (Covid-19) is low. Students on our dedicated school services, do not mix with the public on their journey's to and from school. Government guidance stipulates that social distancing measures **do not** apply to school transport from the Autumn 2020.

### Will my child be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?

The Government have legislated from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 that all children aged 11 or above, **must** always wear a face mask whilst travelling on home to school transport.

A small number of students will be exempt from wearing a face covering for medical reasons and will be issued with a local authority exemption card. If you believe your child needs to be exempt from wearing a face covering, please contact your school immediately.

### Will the driver be wearing a face covering?

All our drivers will be wearing face masks, this is due to the proximity they will have with pupils in the front seats and offers protection for both driver and pupil. Our contracted providers will have done their own risk assessments and will follow the government's guidelines.

### How often will the minibuses be cleaned?

All our "Home to school" minibus will be cleaned daily before and after every trip.

### What are the bus seating arrangements for the students?

Pupils will be asked to fill up seats from the back of the minibuses, this is to protect our drivers by reducing the length of exposure they will have to pupils and to reduce the potential physical contact of pupils trying to maneuver in a confined space. All the windows will be open on the minibuses to allow the air to flow through.

### Will hand sanitiser be provided on the buses?

Where possible, school vehicles will provide hand sanitiser to students, however it is advisable that pupils carry a small bottle. Contracted and Local Authority buses' will be following government guidelines.

### If the school closes due to Covid-19 will I still have to pay for my space?

Whilst every effort will be taken to reimburse parents should the school close, it will not be possible to cancel your direct debit. The service being provided is outsourced and our contract still expects us to pay up to 75% of the fixed costs should the service need to be suspended. In this situation we would ask parents to cover these fixed costs as the school do not have the surplus funds to pay for the service.

### What if my child becomes unwell?

It is important that if your child is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 that they remain at home and follow government guidelines. If your child attempts to board a minibus and has visible symptoms they will be asked not to get on the bus and parents will be contacted.