

August 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

Bus Transport to St Mary's College

I am writing to inform you that your child has been allocated a place on the bus service that will be operated by the college. The bus service is going to be run by Ellie Rose Travel and will start on Tuesday September 8th, although your child may not start until later in the week. A copy of the bus route and times is enclosed, and please refer to this. **Please instruct your child to put their hand out to stop the bus**, as until the bus driver becomes familiar with which children take the bus and from where, pupils need to indicate to the driver to stop the bus. Each bus will show the appropriate route number on their display, eg, SMC 1, 2 or 3.

The daily cost of the return journey will be £2.80, and this needs to be paid directly to the college. I would like to say that the school are subsidising the cost of the service and have sought to keep your contribution to a manageable amount. The college will bill you on a half termly basis for the number of days in the half term, and there is no reduction in your personal charge for days when your child is not at school.

Table to show the bus pass charge for each half term

Half Term	No of days per half term	Charge per half term	To be Paid By
Autumn - 1	34	£95.20	Friday 25 th September
Autumn - 2	35	£98	Friday 6 th November
Spring - 1	29	£81.20	Friday 8 th January
Spring - 2	25	£70	Friday 26 th February
Summer - 1	34	£95.20	Friday 16 th April
Summer - 2	33	£92.40	Friday 11 th June

As we have contracted for a bus of sufficient size to meet the needs of parents who have requested a place we need to be kept informed if you do not wish to take up a place for your child in September. If your child is not going to use the bus service please contact Kerry Buck immediately at the school by email to kbuck@staff.st-marys.hull.sch.uk

As this is the first time that the school has operated the bus service there will be a settling in period and there may be some teething problems and I would ask for your cooperation in this settling in

period. In respect of the bus passes we are allowing children who have requested a place to use the bus service in the first three weeks without a bus pass. Invoices for the first half term will need to be paid before 25th September, by cheque made payable to St Mary's College, and after that date any child without a bus pass will not be allowed to travel on the bus. If you have any queries about paying please contact Kerry Buck on the above email address or by telephone, from September, on 851136.

Please read this section if your child is using the Winestead/Hedon/Preston route as there has been a change to this route and it will now go into Preston, but not go via Thorngumbald. This route will now go into Keyingham to Burstwick and from Burstwick along the B1362 into Hedon. The bus will then go along the A1033 Hull Road and turn right along Staithes Road to go into Preston. From Preston the bus will go via Bilton to the school.

Yours faithfully

Pauline Smith

Director of Learning Services