



St Katherine's School



26 April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Amendment to the X4 First Bus Service

I am writing to you following a recent timetable amendment made by First Bus to their X4 service. The X4 towards Bristol will now arrive earlier, scheduled in Pill at 1527. The X4 towards Portishead, unfortunately has been amended to arrive in Pill at 1517 and then not until 1549. There is no adjustment of any other buses.

First Bus have agreed that the X4 bus from St Katherine's School to Bristol at the end of the school day will now stop in our car park to collect students. This change has been agreed following concerns from school staff, First Bus staff and members of the public about the safety of the increased numbers of students boarding the bus in the village. This is an incredibly positive change for the school and will ensure that students are able to board the bus in a calm, safe manner.

This alteration will commence from Monday 29 April. From this date, students are expected to board the 1530 bus towards Bristol from the school car park. Students will not be permitted to board this service from the main road. Students who do not wish to travel on the 1530 may leave the school site as normal and wait for a later bus.

Students will be asked to line up in year groups to board the bus once it arrives. Year 7 students will be permitted to board first and asked to sit downstairs, filling up from the back of the bus. We will then allow other year groups to board the bus in an orderly manner.

A reminder that students travelling to Bristol are not to catch the bus travelling to Portishead. Bus monitors will continue in their role on the X4 in to Bristol, and remain a point of contact for any student wishing to report a concern on the buses.

If you would like to discuss these arrangements please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

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