

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will no doubt be aware, bus services to St Katherine's School, previously run by Charlton Coaches, Carmel Coaches and EuroCoaches (X5, X5A, 888A and 888B) will no longer be running in September. In addition to this, government guidance strongly recommends that students avoid public transport and with the need for social distancing, the X4 service will only have capacity for 35 passengers on a double decker.

St Katherine's has formed a strong partnership with Turner's Coaches who, from September 7 2020, will provide a home/school transport with an initial capacity of 254 seats. The cost of an annual allocated seat on this service will be £850 which will be collected via direct debit over ten months from September to June. This equates to £85 per month and approximately £4.50 per day. Details of payment dates will be notified once places are confirmed.

**IMPORTANT - please complete as soon as possible**

**To request a place on this service parents/carers must complete the booking form below once for each child before 12 noon on Thursday 27 August.**

[Bus Booking Form - Click Here](#)

Should you have any problems with accessing the link or completing the form please contact Mr Francis Black at [francisblacka@skdrive.org](mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org) for assistance. Families in receipt of free school meals can also request financial assistance in meeting the cost of this arrangement by contacting Mr Francis Black.

You will be asked to provide your home postcode. This will be used by the school and Turner's to plan the most effective routes, covering the whole of the city and minimising travel time for students where possible. Please note, completion of the form does not guarantee a place on the service. Should a service be oversubscribed, Turner's have indicated they are currently in a position to offer additional vehicles and we would explore this with them. **We will write to confirm seat allocation on the week commencing Monday 31 August with full details of routes and pick up/drop off locations for your child(ren).** The confirmation email can be used as a ticket for travel on Monday 7 September and your child will be provided with an individual bus pass once they arrive in school.

In the meantime, should you have any further questions regarding home/school transport, please contact me via email: [francisblacka@skdrive.org](mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org).

Kind regards

Alan Francis Black  
**Assistant Headteacher**