



**16 July 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Transport to school on the X4s**

According to our monitoring, your child/ren has been using the X4s to travel to and from school. This additional service has been provided by First Bus for the duration of the academic year inline with Department for Education guidance and we are pleased this has served families with safe travel to and from school.

We still do not have any confirmation this service will run from September and we would anticipate this additional service no longer running once Step 4 of the Lockdown is in place from 19 July. If the service does not run in September, we assume your child/ren will revert to the public X4 service. Can I please draw your attention to the following important points:

- This will be a public bus service
- Advice from the Department for Education states that masks will be required when local infection rates are prevalent. We recommend your child carries a face mask with them at all times to ensure they can board the bus at all times.
- The timetable for this service is determined by First Bus. We share information about the school day with First Bus to ensure they are aware of what timings would be helpful for families who wish to use this service, but they ultimately decide the timings.
- All students must be on site for 8:30 each morning from September with tutor time starting at 8:35.
- There is less consistency to the end of the school day next year; Mondays at 4pm, Week 2 Wednesdays at 2pm and after school detentions on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3-4pm.
- Poor punctuality will result in students missing their tutor group in the morning and attending a late tutor group. Persistent poor punctuality, or instances of extreme lateness, may also result in an after school detention.

Please ensure you discuss the bus timetables and confirm which buse(s) your child/ren must catch to ensure they are punctual each day. I would be grateful if you could reinforce the consequences for poor punctuality to your child so we can ensure a positive and smooth start to the year in September.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child/ren's Head of House.

Wishing you a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

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