

RP/tb – 25 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Shardlow/Ambaston Bus Information – September 2020**

Following the release of further information by Derbyshire County Council related to school transport during the coronavirus outbreak, we are now in a position to confirm arrangements for September.

As you will already be aware, The Long Eaton School will operate a staggered school day from September, with different year groups starting and finishing school at different times. This is to ensure we are able to protect year group bubbles and that students from different year groups do not interact through the course of the school day.

The staggered day does have consequences for those currently using the Shardlow/Ambaston bus. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to run a separate bus for each year group each day. The bus will continue to operate, but will run to a revised schedule. This will mean students may be in school before the start time for their own year group and after their year group have finished each day. Students in this situation will be supervised for this period in the library (using social distancing rules), where they may complete homework or other school related activities. The revised bus schedule is:

Morning Pick Up: Ambaston - 7.40am, Shardlow - 7.50am, Arriving to school for 8.15 am

Afternoon Departure: 4.15 pm

We have attached a document produced by Derbyshire County Council on school bus travel. This includes information on the wearing of masks and social distancing whilst on the school bus. Please read this very carefully.

You are able to make alternative arrangements if you do not want your child to be supervised in school during non-teaching time, but we would request that you let us know via email so that we are aware of who will be using the bus service.

Should you have any further questions related to travel arrangements, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully  
The Long Eaton School



Mr R Peel  
Headteacher