

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please see below an email from The Vale of Glamorgan Transport Office which we have been asked to forward on. If you have any queries regarding this email please contact The Vale of Glamorgan Transport Office directly as Stanwell School do not have any input into the travel arrangements. The contact details can be found below.

Following the Welsh Government's recent issue of its 'Guidance for Schools and Settings from the Autumn Term' the Vale of Glamorgan Council has undertaken a risk assessment for provision of 'home to school' transport from September 2020 that it contracts, in addition to providing guidance for both 'Drivers & Passenger Assistants' and 'Parents, Carers & Learners'; please use the links to each below to view on the Council's web site page for School Transport.

Please note that as part of this guidance the Council is making it mandatory (i.e. a requirement) for learners of secondary school age (aged 11 +) to wear appropriate face coverings while travelling on its contracted 'home to school' transport services. Parents/Carers will be responsible for providing pupils with face coverings. However, if there are any appropriate health reasons that make it not possible for the learner to wear a face covering this needs to be declared to the Passenger Transport team in advance of travel; Any Secondary School Learner (aged 11 +) who attempts to get into a contracted school transport vehicle without a face covering (mask) or dispensation agreed in advance will be refused travel.

We are currently sending a hard copy of the Guidance for Parents, Carers and Learners to all entitled pupils to their home addresses in the next week.

English Language Links:

* School Transport (main website page):

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/school_transport/School-Transport.aspx

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Risk Assessment for School Transport (Sep-20):

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Risk-Assessment-Sep-20-English.pdf>

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Guidance for Parents, Carers and Learners:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Operations-from-Sep-20-Parents-Carers-and-Learners-English.pdf>

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Guidance for Drivers and Passenger Assistants:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Operations-from-Sep-20-Driver-and-Passenger-Assistant-Requirements-English.pdf>

Welsh Language Links:

* School Transport (main web site page):

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/cy/living/Transportation/school_transport/School-Transport.aspx

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Risk Assessment for School Transport (Sep-20):

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Risk-Assessment-Sep-20-Welsh.pdf>

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Guidance for Parents, Carers and Learners:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Operations-from-Sep-20-Parents-Carers-and-Learners.pdf>

* Vale of Glamorgan Council's Guidance for Drivers and Passenger Assistants:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Transport/School%20Transport/School-Transport-General/School-Transport-Operations-from-Sept-20-Driver-and-Passenger-Assistant-Requirements-Welsh.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries concerning this guidance on schooltransport@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Yours faithfully
Passenger Transport Team (ALN & Mainstream School Transport)
Vale of Glamorgan Council