

Tapton SCHOOL

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Information for Parents, Carers and Students from First Travel

We wanted to share with you the information we have received from First regarding their 51 service and their 751 service in order to make journeys to and from school as trouble free as possible.

With effect from September 1st, the 751 service is able to run to a greater capacity than general services, because this service will be closed to the general public. To support the 751 service, First have added some 751a journeys to their timetable. These will also be dedicated to school students only.

In the mornings the 751 will leave from Upperthorpe library at 8.37. Students need to make sure they are there on time and anticipate queues.

The 751 and the 751a will leave from Darwin Lane at the following times after school:

The 751a, will leave at 15.12, 15.35, 15.45

The 751, will leave at 15.40

The 51 service will continue to run but will follow strict social distancing rules and its capacity will be therefore greatly reduced. Under no circumstances will it be allowed to board more passengers than its new capacity permits. Therefore, we encourage all students catch the 751/751a services to ensure a timely journey home unless they are able to walk or be picked up by family.

At the moment, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory on all services used by the general public. This includes the 51, the 751 and 751a.

For further information please check on the First website for timetabling information, <https://www.firstgroup.com/south-yorkshire> and leave a generous amount of time to ensure a punctual start at school.

Additionally, please review the information in the letter below from Sheffield City Council.



Travelling to School from September 2020 Information for Families

You and your children may have concerns and be thinking about new routines to help arrive at school safely. We are providing this information sheet to help you make decisions about your journey. The information is also on our new getting back to school safely webpage: www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely

In order for children and young people to travel as safely as possible we have worked closely with the Local Authority Public Health Team and SYPT. We have reviewed government guidance to provide the following information.

Travelling to school

We are asking you to plan your journeys in advance and to think about the routes and ways that you travel, so that everyone has more space to stay safe.

To reduce the transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the best way to travel to and from school is to walk or cycle. It's a safe, cheap and healthy way to travel.

If you need to travel by car, households should travel separately and avoid car sharing. Please park at least five minutes' away from school to reduce pollution around schools.

Travelling by school bus

If you need to make other travel plans then use the school bus. Members of the public will not be able to use them, and they will be cleaned before and after each journey. Information about dedicated school buses will soon be available at: <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses>

Pupils using the school bus should sit with their year group 'bubble'. This helps replicate the social protective year group bubbles being used in many schools and will also assist with contact tracing should there be any positive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Pupils will also need to follow the guidance below when using school buses:

- Wash or sanitise their hands before and after using the buses
- Carry tissues and hand sanitiser with them
- Wear face coverings if they are 11 years old and over (unless exempt*)
- Maintain social distancing at bus stops
- Not eat or drink on the buses
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and not travel to school.

Travelling by public transport

Try and use public transport only when necessary and follow the guidance, including wearing face coverings on-board and in interchanges and stations. Journeys by public transport may take longer than normal and some routes may be busier than usual.

*If you or your child are exempt from wearing face coverings you can download or print face covering exemption cards from Travel South Yorkshire or collect these from Transport Interchanges. This may help you explain to people in official capacity why you are not wearing a face covering in mandatory settings. Cards can be downloaded here:

<https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/Journey-Assistance-Cards>

If you or anyone in your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19

- If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) they should not travel to school. Your household should isolate immediately and those with symptoms book a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119
- When you receive the COVID-19 test result please follow the guidance on www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely