Dear

Our priority is making sure every pupil who relies on public transport can get to school or college safely and on time.

We’re asking you to plan your child’s back-to-school journey in advance, and to think about the routes and ways they can travel, so that everyone has more space to stay safe.

You can find all the information they need about traveling to and from school or college safely at [travelsouthyorkshire.com/school-travel](https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-travel)

**Travelling to school or college

Walk, scoot or cycle**

While planning your child’s journey, think about if it’s possible to try walking, scooting or cycling to school.Modeshift STARS have created a free, five-minute ‘walking bubble’ map for every school at [modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive/](https://www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive/)

You can use this map to find a safe five-minute walking route to your child’s school. So, if you need to drive, you can park a bit further away and help to ease congestion at the school gates.

**Your school bus**

School buses will be running to help pupils get to schools and colleges across South Yorkshire. They’re not available for members of the public, and they’ll be cleaned before and after every journey. All the information you need about school buses will be updated at [travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses](https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses)

If your child’s using the school bus they should help everyone to travel safely, by:

* sitting with their year group ‘bubble’, where possible
* washing or sanitising their hands before and after using the bus
* wearing a face covering (unless they’re exempt or under 11)
* keeping a safe distance onboard and at bus stops
* carrying tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and hand sanitiser to keep clean, and
* not eating or drinking on the bus.

Pupils and students with a MegaTravel or 16-18 Travel Pass can travel for 80p per single journey. Passes must be scanned or shown on board. If your child uses a daily or weekly ticket to travel, they must load this onto their MegaTravel or 16-18 Travel Pass in advance and carry their proof of purchase with them, which they may be asked to show.

YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE SOME ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION HERE ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN PUPILS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN RELATION TO STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES.

**Public transport**

We want you to be confident your child can travel by public transport, safely. Services are available for most school or college journeys where pupils don't have alternative travel options.

Public transport will continue to be different while social distancing measures are in place, which is why we’re asking you to plan journeys ahead.

Journeys by public transport may take longer than normal and some routes may be busier than usual. By following public transport guidance, including wearing face coverings, your child’s helping to keep themself and others safe.

It’s the law to wear a face covering on public transport and in stations and interchanges. Some people are exempt from wearing face coverings for health, age or equality reasons. Face covering exemption cards are available to download or print at [travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com) or from Travel South Yorkshire Interchanges.

**Plan your journey**

**THINK –** plan your journey in advance

**CHECK –** read the latest travel and safety messages

**TRAVEL –** you must wear a face covering on board and in interchanges

Plan your child’s journey to school or college at [travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses](https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses) or by calling Traveline on 01709 515151.

**More information**

* [Walking, scooting and cycling](https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/Travelling-to-school)
* [School buses](https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses)
* [Public transport](https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-travel)

Information about SEND home to school travel is available on your council’s website.

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

Anyone that develops symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) should not travel to school. Instead their household should isolate immediately and book a test at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus%C2%A0or%20by%20calling%20119).

Yours sincerely