

Dear Parent/Carer

Transport Arrangements Academic Year 19/20

At Smestow we are constantly reviewing our provision to ensure that we get best value for money. School transport costs have gradually been increasing and costs have been absorbed by the school for a number of years.

We are currently consulting parents about provision for September. Based on current numbers of students requesting coach transport it looks unlikely that we will offer this service in 2019/20. We also run several mini buses out of the area.

Based on our initial findings we will need to charge £50 per month for the minibus and due to arrears of payments by some parents, two months would now need to be paid in advance. The consulstaiton period will end on Friday 21st June and if we went ahead with the service you would need to have paid £100.00 by 30th June 2019.

We would like to advise you that it may be more cost effective for you as parents to consider using public transport and there are a number of bus routes to school. Students travelling to and from the City Centre and beyond use the National Express West Midlands #3 route, which will be monitored by school staff. The nearest bus stop to school is on Windmill Lane. The #751 route operates between Upper Penn, Bradmore and school. The National Express West Midlands child price is presently £1.20 per journey. 'Term Plus' Travelcards can be obtained from <http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/tickets-prices>

I would be grateful if you could let me know any views you have on this by Friday 21st June 2019. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mrs A Webb – School Business Manager on 01902 539 500 alternative enquires@smestow.org

Kind regards

Mrs A Lawrence
Head of School

