

July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The bus service provided for Winterhill school students will run to and from school at the beginning and the end of each school day on a pre-determined route. We will provide one double decker bus – minimum capacity 64 Seated, 17 standing & 1 Wheelchair Space (82 places in total). Should there be a greater demand, then the school will consider providing additional buses.

School will ensure all drivers have a full, up to date Enhanced DBS and will work closely with the bus provider to ensure all safeguarding measures are in place, however, the service will be provided by an external company and will be regulated via the external provider. Of course, we would ask parents to inform us of any concerns regarding behaviour and/or the service provided and we will endeavour to resolve issues with the support of the provider.

The cost of the bus will be 80p for one-way travel, equating to £1.60 per day per student, using a 'Zoom pass'. However, the service will be free if you hold a 'Zoom Zero Travel Pass'. Passes can be applied for via <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>, and not the school.

#### Who gets a seat?

- Priority seats will be given to Y7 & Y8 students in the first instance;
- Then places will be given to students with siblings currently in Thorpe Hesley Juniors or Chapeltown schools;
- Followed by older students with siblings currently in Y7/8;
- Any remaining seats will be allocated on a 'first in' basis;
- Winterhill School will issue a 'bus pass' that ensures a place on the bus.

Further information can be found on the Winterhill School website with particular reference to the bus route and the proposed pick up points. These pick up points are set and you will need to use the point closest to your home. Cancellations or delays will be communicated via email/text message and/or the school website. In the case of a breakdown, alternative transport will be provided.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Rhodes  
Headteacher