

## Guidance for parents and pupils on Solihull SEND school transport



The school transport team is following the Gov.UK guidance - Transport to school and other places of education: 2020-2021 academic year.

Dedicated transport to schools usually carries the same group of children on a regular basis. They do not mix with the general public. This helps limit the number of other people with whom they come into contact. For this reason the government have set rules for dedicated home to school transport that are different from those for public transport.

The following points must be observed to prevent and minimise the spread of virus:

- Children must not travel on school transport if they, or a member of their household, has symptoms of coronavirus Covid-19.
- If a child develops symptoms whilst at school they will be sent home (refer to your school's protocol). They must not travel on school transport. Parents will need to have a contingency arrangement.
- Children must clean their hands straight before and straight after their journey by hand washing or using hand sanitiser. Let the guide know if your child should not use hand sanitiser.
- Children aged 6 and upwards can wear a face covering if families prefer them to do so, providing that they can be worn comfortably and safely. No child will be refused transport for not wearing a face covering. Children will not have to prove they are exempt from wearing face coverings. Children below the age of 6 should not wear a face covering. It is important that face coverings are used safely to prevent inadvertent spread of Covid-19 and an [infographic](#) and [video](#) explains this.
- Children should ensure good respiratory hygiene – 'catch it, kill it, bin it'. If possible, carry and use a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze and dispose safely, as soon as possible.
- Do not shout or sing.

Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators>

Parents may wish to be aware of the expectations we are placing upon drivers and guides, in addition to the normal protocol, which can be found on our [website](#).