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Dear parent/guardian,

We are writing to confirm the situation around buses for school children for the coming academic year. We obviously don't need to explain how the Coronavirus situation has caused a huge amount of uncertainty around many elements of children returning to school and we apologise for the lateness of this information.

Now that we know more about how things look like progressing with regards to schools reopening, and the legislation around school buses, we can confirm our plans for the new year to ensure that we can still provide services to get students to and from school safely.

Our plan for your school for September is this:

From September, The Holt School students will still be able to use the existing lion 4 service, which is a public service and so will operate at 50% capacity. Please see our website for full details: www.reading-buses.co.uk/schools

The fares will remain the same as last year and can be bought online at www.reading-buses.co.uk/shop. Your child will need a 'Boost' ticket which can be found under the travel area that they need (for The Holt School, this would either be simply Wokingham & Bracknell or, if you live outside of the Wokingham area, simply Network. Please check our website for details.) There are a number of options, with the best value being the annual ticket which can be bought in instalments via Direct Debit. This ticket allows your child to travel for the entire year and is valid on any bus within the specified area, not just school buses.

We are advising that if students are travelling on a public service, they should allow more time to travel to school as these capacities are limited - in fact, we recommend that they travel earlier than normal to guarantee getting to school on time if using public services.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the transport situation with us directly, please email customerservices@reading-buses.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Reading Buses