



21 January 2021

Rachel Hutchinson  
**Principal**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: School Bus Service**

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during these difficult times.

In accordance with current government guidelines, schools remain 'open' for all children, with on-site provision available each day for only the most vulnerable and children of key workers. The numbers of students attending on-site are considerably lower than normal, with the vast majority accessing learning online. We have therefore taken the opportunity to review our current, and for the foreseeable future, transport requirements to meet the demand for those students attending College each day via the Plymouth bus routes.

I am writing to inform you of some adjustments and amendments that we are making to the current Plymouth bus programme to reflect the number of students attending College. The adjustments will remain in place for the immediate and short term whilst we await further government guidance on plans for the eventual return of all students to school.

With effect from Monday, 25 January, and until further notice, we have amended and combined some of the bus routes. Please see the attached document and review the new pick up times.

All buses will continue to run with the normal strict expectations to align with the Department for Transport advice, including that students wear masks at all times and remain sat in their allocated Year Group bubbles on the buses. We will continue to monitor the number of students using the bus service to ensure that the safety of the students and driver is maintained.

Should you have any queries with regards to these changes, please email [buses@ivybridge.devon.sc.uk](mailto:buses@ivybridge.devon.sc.uk)

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully

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**Associate Leader**

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