

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Start of Autumn Term 2020



I am writing to update you about the start of this term and advise you of some changes we are making to further enhance our safety procedures during this pandemic.

Yesterday, we were able to welcome all our new pupils plus Year 11 returners to our Sixth Form. Everyone has had a chance to find their way around the school, provide thumb-prints for our canteen cashless payment system, take part in induction activities, review school routines and receive information and reminders about the precautions in place to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

Today we welcomed the rest of our pupils back to school. It is almost 6 months since the school's closure and I am pleased to report that many have told me how glad they are to be back.

Every pupil has seen a start of year assembly delivered by myself. This has included key reminders about the precautions we are taking and why. Form Time has given everyone an opportunity to ask questions and clarify expectations, receive their timetable, run through the timings of the day and support pupils with their wellbeing. Pupils have been able to use their Year Group Marquees, to experience the one-way system necessary in some corridors and Years 8-13 have all started their formal education.

As we return to school, we have agreed some modifications to our procedures which should further reduce the risk of viral transmission:

- Face Masks – having reviewed the crowding outside the site as pupils leave, we shall be requiring all pupils to don face masks at the end of period 5 and wear these as they leave the site until they can reach a point where they can safely social distance.
- PE Kit – we want to minimize the need for pupils to spend time in changing rooms. On the day a pupil has PE, they must come to school wearing their blazer, a PE t-shirt, school leggings (we are not allowing other leggings as they are often too thin and can be seen through), a school skirt or trousers and they must be wearing black socks with their school shoes. If they do not have school leggings, they will need to bring with them alternative unpatterned plain black leggings and a skort. In their school bag they must have trainers, white socks, a skort and a PE sweat-shirt. If they need to change, they will be directed to a room in the Sports Hall complex aiming to minimize numbers in each room. They will also be able to leave their bag there. Pupils will have the opportunity to freshen up after a PE lesson, and may want to bring a school shirt to change into.
- When going to lunch in the canteen, pupils may leave their bags in their Year Group Marquee (but must take all valuables with them), and must collect their bag as soon as possible after leaving the canteen.
- Computer keyboards – initially these are being covered with cling film so they can be wiped between lessons (avoiding the letters/numbers being rubbed off!) We are hoping to purchase silicone covers for keyboards, which are more robust and easily wiped after use.
- From Monday we will be staggering the end of break and lunch times to reduce year group mixing.

With this letter I have attached three documents about transport provision.

We are looking to provide the fullest education in as safe an environment as possible and would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Keep Safe!

With best wishes,

Dr Paul Hayman  
**Headteacher**

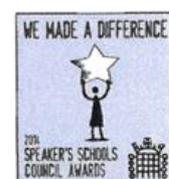
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# Return to School Travel Bulletin #1

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council wants to ensure that children and young people can travel to school and college safely and reliably from September. We are working closely with schools, colleges and local public transport operators to monitor the operational effectiveness as students start to return to education.

To help manage travel demand during the first term, we have developed advice for schools and colleges in the form of a travel pack which provides key travel information.

In this regular bulletin we aim to keep you updated with what's happening across the transport network.

This bulletin includes information on additional services that the bus operators are providing as well as some advice on using c2c train services.

## **Additional Arriva bus services**

**Arriva is providing additional bus services on routes 7, 8, 9 and 29.**

Duplicate services of existing journeys will be run at specific times and will provide additional capacity.

### *School, Sixth Form and College Services*

Some of the additional services that begin with an “S” are reserved for school, sixth form and college students only.

### *General Services*

Some of the additional services are for all passengers. For these services, social distancing and reduced capacity rules will apply, which are clearly marked out onboard.

### *Timetable*

Timetable information for the additional services can be found below and on the Arriva Website [here](#). We strongly recommend those who have a smartphone to download Arriva App for up to date information.

Source: Arriva

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<b>Route Number</b>	<b>Route Details</b>	<b>School Journey</b>
		Two buses will run together on the following journeys:
<b>7/8</b>	Shoeburyness to Rayleigh via North Shoebury, Thorpe Bay, Bournes Green, Southend, Southend Airport, Rochford and Hockley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 06:25 7 from Landwick</li><li>• 06:33 7 from Shoeburyness</li><li>• 06:55 7 from Chichester Road</li><li>• 07:23 7 from Southend</li><li>• 13:50 7 from Rayleigh</li><li>• 14:16 7 from Rayleigh</li><li>• 14:46 8 from Rayleigh</li><li>• 15:01 7 from Rayleigh</li><li>• 15:21 8 from Rayleigh</li></ul>

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Additionally, the 14:22 7 from Ashington School bus will be renumbered S7.

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9	Shoeburyness to Rayleigh via Thorpe Bay, Esplanade, Southend and Southend Airport	Two buses will run together on the 1523 Rayleigh to Shoeburyness journey.
29	Belgrave Road to Southend via Belfairs, North Leigh and Fairfax Drive	The 08:08 Southend to Westcliff Schools and 15:45 Westcliff High Schools to Southend buses will be renumbered S29.

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### **Additional First bus services**

**First is providing additional bus journeys reserved for school, sixth form and college students.**

#### *School, Sixth Form and College Services*

Some services which typically carry only a very small number of the general public and are being re-designated as 'school children' only services, where it is anticipated that additional capacity is likely to be required to match demand.

Please note that some of the dedicated services may have a slight different route in order to accommodate the school stops.

Specific vehicles will be allocated to designated school services and posters will be affixed to bus windows to advise.

### *Timetable*

Information for the additional services can be found below. More detailed information can be found on the First Website:

- [School Services](#)
- [Timetable Information](#)
- [Coronavirus Services Information](#)

We strongly recommend those who have a smartphone to download First App for up to date information.

Source: First

<b>Route Number</b>	<b>School Journey</b>
<b>625</b>	Chelmsford to Westcliff & Southend Schools
<b>725</b>	Basildon to Westcliff & Southend Schools
<b>822</b>	Canvey to Westcliff & Southend Schools
<b>825</b>	Basildon to Westcliff & Southend Schools
<b>827</b>	Canvey to Westcliff Schools

### **Face Coverings on Public Transport**

Face Coverings are mandatory for children 11 and over on general public transport services. Young children under the age of 11 or children on dedicated school transport services are exempt from wearing face coverings.

### **Social Distancing on Public Transport**

Social distancing should be maintained and reduced capacity will be in operation on general public transport services. For dedicated school transport services, students from any year group and from any school or college located on the route can travel on these buses. If you need to travel

on the same bus as students from another school or college then please sit with others from your own school or college, ideally from your own year group. Where possible please maintain social distancing.

### **Safety Measures on Public Transport**

As well as following government guidelines on the use of face coverings and social distancing, all public transport operators who operate in Southend have enhanced cleaning regimes in operation.

It is recommended that students carry hand sanitiser to use when using public transport services and where possible windows will remain open to maximise ventilation.

### **Advice for using c2c Train Services**

In preparation of students returning to school, c2c have created a 'Code of Conduct': Travel Safe, Travel Smart, and Keep Apart.

See attached posters.

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for students to return to school and college, c2c is working hard to remind students of the necessary changes regarding their journey. If your child, or children, travel with c2c please could you assist us in ensuring our Travel Safe, Travel Smart, Keep Apart guidance is complied with for their safety and the safety of others.

### **TRAVEL SAFE**

- Increased cleaning of stations and trains
- Hand sanitiser provided at the entrance to every station
- Passengers must wear a face covering when travelling with us
- Passengers must wash their hands before and after their journey, or carry hand sanitiser

### **TRAVEL SMART**

- c2c Smartcards allow tickets to be bought in advance and collected directly from the gate
- Our new app allows customers to get live information on their train and purchase tickets remotely

### **KEEP APART**

- Trains extended to 8-carriages to maximise space for social distancing
- Maintain social distancing - keep at least 1m away, and 2m where possible
- Queuing systems in place at stations to prevent overcrowding on trains
- Remain in one place during your journey, do not move around on the train
- Respect all passengers travelling on the train and their personal space

Further travel guidance and advice can be found at [c2c-online.com](https://www.c2c-online.com)

Thank you in advance for your support.

The team at c2c

# STAY SAFE ON YOUR TRAIN

Travelling to and from school or college may feel a bit different now. But you can help keep yourself and others safe if you:



Wash your **hands** and/or use hand sanitiser before you get on



Wear a **face** covering - unless you can't\*



Make **space** for others - at least 1 or 2 metres away if you can

\*If there's a reason you can't wear a face covering come have a chat with us at the station and we can get you a Face Covering Exempt badge.



## *Doing our bit*

Our hard-working cleaners are cleaning the trains top-to-toe everyday. Plus we've put out hand sanitiser at the entrance to every station for you to use too.



*Thank you*