

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

## **COVID19 POSITION STATEMENT**

Based on information supplied in the Government's guidance for full opening of schools in autumn published on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Roberts Travel Groups position statement for the delivery of Home to School transport is detailed below.

Home to School transport means services that are used only to carry pupils to and from school.

The position statement for **Home to School** is as follows:

### **Roberts Travel Group will:**

1. Plan transport in the most efficient logistical manner using the majority of the vehicle's available capacity.
2. Consider but not specifically plan to match school bubbles or staggered journey school times as bubbles will be mainly planned to reflect transport.
3. Recommend the wearing of face coverings for all students and drivers but this will not be mandatory.
4. Ensure all vehicles undergo an enhanced cleaning routine at the end of each day. Vehicles are disinfected with the use of a high-performance antiviral solution; this is applied with a fogging machine.

### **Drivers will:**

Be required to undertake a number of additional operational precautions both pre and post journey including:

1. Wear face coverings but not mandatory.
2. Cleaning hard surfaces such as handles, grips, seat belts etc.
3. Provide hand sanitiser on board.
4. Ensure the vehicle is well ventilated.
5. Provide appropriate signage related to COVID19.
6. Work in connection with schools to board students by filling the seats from the rear first and alight from the front.
7. Ensure that all students are seated.

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8. Drivers that report symptoms of COVID19 should be stood down with immediate effect and the Council informed immediately.

**Students should:**

1. Wash/sanitise hands **before** and **after** every journey (however on-board sanitisers to be provided on bus if required)
2. Wear face coverings but not mandatory.
3. Always remain seated and face forward.
4. Avoid touching any surfaces unless absolutely necessary.
5. Fill the rear seats of the vehicle first and alight from the front where appropriate.
6. No food or drink to be consumed on the vehicle.
7. Limit the amount of luggage.

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8. Students showing symptoms of COVID19 they should not use the service and they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and arrange to have a test, other household members should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
9. If any student reports COVID19 symptoms to the driver whilst on the journey to school the driver should keep all passenger on board and immediately report to a member of staff on duty at the school.
10. If any student reports symptoms to the driver whilst on the journey home the driver should complete the route and then return directly to the depot. The bus company will then immediately report the incident to the school