

# Safe School Transport

We need your help to make sure your pupils and our staff travel safely to school.

## What do we need you to do?

Regularly promote these key messages with your pupils:

- Year 8 and above **must** wear a face covering on all transport for the whole of their journey and at transport hubs and at the bus stop. Younger pupils are encouraged to wear them too
- Exemptions apply
- Where possible sit with people from your school or with your brother/sister
- Give people space when you're waiting for your bus and on board
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before getting on

## Examples of what works well:

- Having staff present when buses arrive and leave - to remind pupils to wear their face covering and manage queues
- Social media posts - do your own or share EA and Translink posts
- School assemblies - have a transport themed assembly
- Form/class messaging - use Teams, Google Classroom or other platforms
- Curriculum - incorporate safe transport messages into classwork or homework
- Communication to parents - remind parents what's expected on transport and let them know if there have been problems

## What are we doing to keep everyone safe onboard?

- Visiting schools and boarding services to check if pupils are wearing face coverings
- Speaking with schools and pupils if there are issues with face covering compliance
- Messaging on our buses and on social media
- Protective driver screens on buses
- Hand sanitizer available
- Frequent cleaning of vehicles

## Do you need support?

If you are worried your pupils are not following this guidance or you'd like some support, please contact us at:

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