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Dear Parent/Carer

**UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO TRANSPORT SERVICES:
HEART OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

We are pleased to be able to confirm the school transport services for the Spring and Summer terms.

Service Routes 825, 826

Service Routes 825 and 826 remain unchanged and continue to be contracted by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. If your child benefits from Transport Assistance then they will continue to have access to these services free of charge.

Service Route 183

This route is contracted by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and is subject to the following change:

Change to Service: The route will no longer service Millisons Wood. The route will start at Showell Lane and will service Meriden village students. Millisons Wood students must use the 182.

Service Route: 182

This route is contracted by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and is subject to the following change.

Change to Service: Around 20 students who live in the Eastern Green area are currently using the 182. From January these students will instead transfer to the 180 service (see below). The 180 route has been modified to pick-up and drop-off at the previous 182 stops covering the Eastern Green area. The revised 182 will start in Millisons Wood and continue on its existing route through Berkswell.

Students who qualify for Solihull Council Transport Assistance and who currently use the 182 and 183 service will continue to do so.

If your child does not qualify for Transport Assistance and would like to access these services they can do so by purchasing a pass directly from the Transport Office at Solihull Council: edtrans@solihull.gov.uk and should contact the Council



directly to secure a bus pass on this revised route. Bus passes will not be available for Coventry students.

Service Routes 180, 181 and 184

Service routes 180, 181 and 184 are contracted by Heart of England school. Provision has now been secured for the rest of the academic year from **'The Green Bus'** company. The company is a recognised specialist in educational transport provision with an excellent reputation.

The school has again been able to access government Covid-relief funding through Solihull Local Authority to be able to offer a discounted rate to ensure that parents will not need to pay more than they would have paid for a bus pass prior to the pandemic.

Parents can now purchase a bus pass for the 180, 181 and 184 services directly from Heart of England School at a price of £115 for the Spring term. Details of the routes with pick-up and drop-off location and times are available on the school website.

To apply for a bus pass for the 180, 181 and 184 services you will need to complete and sign the **application form and code of conduct** which will be available online from Tuesday 15th December via our website on the following link: <https://heart-england.co.uk/buspass>

The deadline for completion and payment is 10.00am, Friday 18th December.

There is a capacity limit on the number of seats available therefore **priority will be given to existing customers who have paid by the deadline.**

With the pass already discounted at £115, there is no additional financial assistance available.

Following receipt of payment, Spring term passes will issued to students before the end of term. Where students are absent from school and payment has been received, bus passes will be posted home.

Unless personal circumstances have changed since the issue of the Autumn term passes, your child will be issued with a Spring term bus pass for the same bus number. So if your child currently has a bus pass for the 184, then they will automatically be issued with a Spring term pass for the same bus.

Please note: The 20 Eastern Green students previously accessing the 182 will be issued with passes for the 180.

Looking forward to the Summer term, as the provider and routes will remain the same, we will be introducing a streamlined application process, details of which will be provided nearer the time. **The price for a Summer term bus pass will remain at £115.**



HEART OF ENGLAND

Creating Futures

Tender for 2021-22 Services: 180, 181 and 184

Having managed to maintain the cost and integrity of school bus services for the rest of the academic year, we will be embarking on a process of competitive tendering in the New Year to secure the best value service for the academic year 2021-22 and beyond.

As previously advised, prices and the pricing structure may change as a result of the tendering process. We will keep you updated on progress.

In the meantime should you have any further questions related to school transport please email In the meantime should you have any further questions related to school transport please email: Transport@heart-england.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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