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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

We are pleased to be able to confirm our school transport services for the new academic year.

Service Routes 825, 826, 182 and 183

Service Routes 825, 826, 182 and 183 remain unchanged and continue to be contracted by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) as follows:

182: Millisons Wood – Berkswell
183: Showell Lane – Meriden
825: Bickenhill – Hampton in Arden
826: Chadwick End – Fen End

If your child qualifies for a free pass it will be reissued at the beginning of the school year as long as your circumstances haven't changed. You do not need to reapply every year. At the beginning of the school year new bus passes will be printed and delivered to school for your child to collect on the first day of term. All pupils can get on the bus without a pass for the first few days.

If your child does not qualify for a free pass you can purchase a bus pass if there are spare seats available. The pass costs £115 a term and can be purchased directly from SMBC using the following link:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-buses>

Full details of these routes and timings can also be found using the above link.



Service Routes 180, 181 and 184

Service routes 180, 181 and 184 are contracted by Heart of England School as follows:

180: Broad Lane, Eastern Green, Tile Hill

181: Park Hill Drive, Broad Lane, Banner Lane

184: Broad Lane, Coventry Road, Spencer's Lane, Waste Lane

Full route details, including drop-off locations and times are available on our website:

<https://heart-england.co.uk/parent-handbook/travelling-to-school/>

We are delighted to confirm that Ridleys Coaches have been appointed to provide us with dedicated services on these three routes. They offer high quality coaches, and a track record of ensuring services run on time.

Whilst we have been fortunate in securing SMBC Covid relief funding in the past to offer discounted bus pass rates, we need to apply an increase in our bus pass prices to reflect the increased costs of providing these services. The cost of a pass has been set at £450 for this academic year, split as follows:

Autumn term: £175

Spring term: £175

Summer term: £100

Parents can now purchase a bus pass for the 180, 181 and 184 services directly from Heart of England School.

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 is available online via our website on the following link:

<https://heart-england.co.uk/buspass>

The deadline for completion of the application form and payment of the Autumn term fee is Friday 27 August 2021. Bus passes will not be issued unless the form has been completed AND payment made.

There is a capacity limit on the number of seats available therefore priority will be given to existing customers who have applied and paid by the deadline and new Year 7 applicants. Purchasing a pass for the Autumn term does not confer any obligation to purchase a pass for the rest of the academic year. Daily hop-on/hop-off rates are not available.

Passes will be distributed in school during the first few days of term. All pupils can get on the bus without a pass during this period. After that point, passes should be shown on entry to the bus each morning and evening. The use of old expired passes to access the buses is a breach of the code of conduct and may result in the withdrawal of the right to use our bus services. Passes are not



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transferrable and must be used solely by the pupil whose name appears on the pass. Only our bus passes will be accepted on these routes; National Express, nBus and nNetwork passes will **not** be accepted.

There is limited means-tested hardship funding available to those families who are struggling to meet the cost of the bus pass. Please contact us using the email address below if you would like to find out more.

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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Chief Financial Officer