



6th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your patience over the last 2 days regarding the arrangements for the Tyersal bus.

During the holidays the previous contract between Leeds City Council (Education Transport team) and their chosen transport provider was terminated. Crawshaw were not made aware of this. On Tuesday it was apparent that a new provider had not been allocated but Leeds City Council were quick to act and have provided a Metro 'yellow bus' for this provision. **Crawshaw Academy has no input or control over this service or provision.**

This bus is no longer for the exclusive use of Crawshaw students and we have been informed that it will not be coming onto our school site. There is a designated 'school service only' bus stop on Robin Lane, very close to school, where students will now be dropped off and picked up. Students will be asked to wait at this bus stop so the bus driver can clearly identify those students requiring transport.

As the bus service is **not** provided by Crawshaw Academy, it is also important to note that DFE guidance states that "schools are only responsible for pupils' safety on transport that has been organised by the school. They are not responsible for pupils' safety on transport organised by the local authority (LA)."

We appreciate that you may have concerns about the changes of this transport provision. These, and any questions about the bus service provision, should be directed to either Metro on 0113 2454691 or Leeds City Council (Education Transport team) on 0113 3481121.

We would request that should you need to inform the school of any issues you are addressing with the transport providers, this is done in writing via email. Our reception staff have been instructed to politely terminate any phone calls which become rude or aggressive.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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