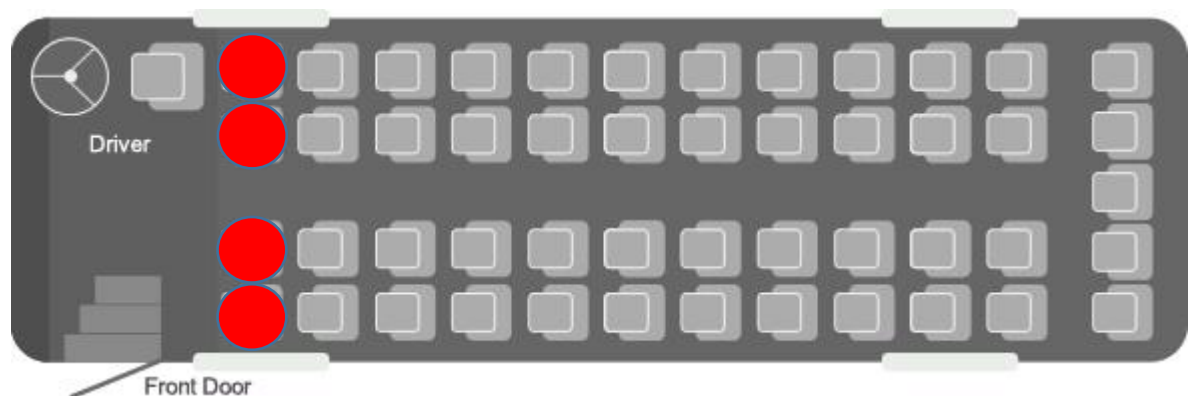


## Updated COVID-19 School Transport Information for Parents and Pupils for Spring Term 2021

- Parents and carers are still encouraged to take their own child/children to school wherever possible using active travel by walking or cycling, alternatively they should use a private car but park away from the school site and use active travel to travel the remaining distance.
- There will be no social distancing between pupils on school transport, however, social distancing will be maintained between the driver and pupils on large school buses, this will mean that no pupils will be allowed to sit on the front row of seats as indicated in red in the diagram below.



- The wearing of a face covering on school transport will be mandatory for secondary aged pupils unless they have an exemption. Failure to adhere to these regulation may result in transport being withdrawn. It is recommended and actively encouraged that all primary pupils also wear face coverings.
- If you definitely DO NOT require School Transport for your child in September 2020, please contact the Council's Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) to inform us on 01437 775222 / 01437 776363 or [school.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk). Your assistance in this is gratefully appreciated.
- Pupils should NOT travel if they are:
  - experiencing any coronavirus symptoms, ie a new and continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell
  - self-isolating as a result of coronavirus symptoms or sharing a household with somebody with symptoms.
  - clinically extremely vulnerable.

### **Instructions for pupils using school transport:**

- Secondary aged pupils must wear a face covering on school transport unless they have an exemption. For all other pupils it is recommended and actively encouraged. Please see link to WG guidance on how to make a 3 ply face mask: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/how-to-make-a-3-layer-face-covering.pdf> . There are also some community groups making masks for those families on FSM, contact the Council's ITU for further details.
- Avoid touching any surfaces at bus shelters and within the bus as much as possible.
- Whilst waiting at the bus stop, pupils should try to maintain social distancing from others whilst staying safe. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child's safety before boarding a vehicle and after disembarking a vehicle.
- When getting on and off the bus, pupils should queue in an orderly fashion without pushing.
- On entering the bus, pupils should use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Pupils must sit in the seat nearest the back of the bus that is vacant when they board and under no circumstance sit in the front row of seats which are out of bounds to all pupils. This will avoid the need to pass other pupils.
- When exiting the vehicles, the pupil nearest the front should leave first and the pupil at the back will be the last to leave.
- Pupils should follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- Pupils should wash their hands before and after each journey.
- If a pupil needs to cough or sneeze during the journey, they should:



Pembrokeshire County Council, Integrated Transport Unit greatly appreciates all the support and effort from parents and pupils during these difficult times and please be aware that we are always here to support you.

So, for any queries please contact the Council's ITU on 01437 776363 / 01437 775222/01437 775221 / 01437 776313 or email [school.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)