

COVID 19 RISK ASSESSMENT – HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

CONTROLLING THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION	CONTROL MEASURES APPLIED	ACTIONS AND MONITORING
1 Measures in place prior to operation of service		
<p>Transporting Somerset will issue information and guidance to Transport Operators, Schools/Colleges and Parents detailing measures to reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All operators must conduct their own Risk Assessment in order to satisfy requirements to implement necessary measures to reduce the risk of transmission as much as is practically and realistically possible. • Transporting Somerset has provided information and guidance in-line with Government guidance to parents with children travelling on home to school/college transport • Transporting Somerset has provided information and guidance to school/college transport operators in-line with Government guidance • Children and young people must not travel if displaying COVID 19 symptoms, self-isolating or are within two weeks of having a positive coronavirus test result • Drivers/PA's must not work if displaying COVID 19 symptoms, self-isolating or are within two weeks of having a positive coronavirus test result 	<p>Parents, schools/colleges, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>
2: Social Distancing guidance		
<p>Maintaining Social distancing between parents, children and young people and drivers/PA's as far as is practicable to reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people and parents should observe social distancing as much as is practically and safely possible whilst waiting for school/college transport • Transporting Somerset will work with schools/colleges and operators to implement 	<p>Parents, school/college, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>

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	<p>a school directed seating plan if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people will be encouraged to sit in their year groups with older children occupying seats to the rear of the vehicle and younger year groups towards the front of the vehicle. • Where capacity permits, seats will be labelled 'not in use' to provide distancing between year groups/bubbles and between passengers and the driver • Children are encouraged to alight from front to back allowing space between fellow passengers during boarding and alighting • For children and young people with SEND and requiring close contact with a Passenger Assistant (PA), the PA will be instructed to follow Government guidance regarding the use of PPE. 	
3: Minimising contacts		
<p>Transporting Somerset will encourage measures to reduce the number of potential contacts and reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport operators have been requested, where practically possible, that the same driver, PA (where applicable) and vehicle is used daily on each route. • Children and young people are encouraged to use the same seat/area of seating for each journey • Children and young people are instructed to only travel on the school bus route they have been allocated a seat on by Transporting Somerset 	<p>Parents, schools/colleges, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-line with School Transport Policy, children have been instructed to stay in their seats with their seat belts on. 	
4: Personal Hygiene		
<p>Transporting Somerset will encourage good personal hygiene and provide guidance on measures to be taken to reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings are strongly recommended for secondary aged children and young people • Face Coverings are mandatory for all students on public transport services. • Guidance provided regarding the wearing, storage and disposal of face coverings • Children and young people are advised to wash their hands in-line with Government guidance and in the absence of hand washing facilities, sanitise their hands prior to boarding school transport and after alighting. • Drivers and PAs are advised to wash their hands in-line with Government guidance and in the absence of hand washing facilities, sanitise their hands prior to and after operating a service and at regular intervals whilst working • In-line with School Transport Policy children are instructed not to eat or drink whilst on school transport 	<p>Parents, schools/colleges, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>
5: Cleaning		
<p>Transporting Somerset will encourage regular comprehensive cleaning of vehicles and equipment to reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport operators must ensure vehicles are cleaned regularly in-line with Government guidance • Transport operators must ensure common 'touch points' are cleaned regularly in-between their full vehicle 	<p>Parents, schools/colleges, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>

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	<p>cleaning regime and where there is a time restriction between double runs</p>	
6: Information and Communication		
<p>Transporting Somerset will maintain detailed and up to date information and guidance to parents and operators to help to reduce the potential of COVID 19 transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and guidance for parents will be reviewed and updated promptly in-line with Government guidance • Information and guidance for Transport operators will be reviewed and updated promptly in-line with Government guidance • Transporting Somerset will continue to maintain contact with schools/colleges and operators • Systems to relay information quickly to specific parents, schools and operators have been identified 	<p>Parents, schools/colleges, transport operators must familiarise themselves with the information and guidance which details safe travelling practices and review when notified of updates.</p>