



21st July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cessation of the G21

No doubt you were as shocked as I was when learning about the end of the G21 with only one day left to the end of term.

Firstly, those pupils with an entitlement from Cople and Willington will still have transport provided by the Local Authority. I believe that the route will be re-labelled G52. I presume that you will receive information regarding this from the Local Authority during the summer break.

The biggest issue is for those pupils who pay to travel from Cardington, South Bedford and Shortstown. This part of the route was added to that of the G21 contract route. The new G52 route is to be operated by Expresslines Ltd. Unfortunately, they do not operate vehicles large enough to add the route extension.

However, I have been in conversation with Expresslines throughout the day. They have been extremely sympathetic to the problem and very helpful in providing a solution.

Expresslines will provide a service covering the Cardington, South Bedford and Shortstown stops separate to the G52 (Cople and Willington) route. The morning pick up times will all be 10 minutes earlier than those of the existing G21 times starting from the bus stop by the Village Hall in Shortstown at 07:55. The afternoon run will start from Alban 15 minutes later at 15:55 although drop off times will not be that much later as the Cople and Willington stops will not be part of this route. A schedule will be prepared and posted on the school website over the next few days.

The cost of the service will be £2 each way. Clearly, there will need to be sufficient take-up in order to make the service viable and it will be reviewed during the second half of the autumn term. If this is not the case it is likely that the service will cease.

I trust that you will be relieved that the issue has been resolved and will be able to gain some peace of mind.

May I wish you an enjoyable summer.

Yours,

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