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Dear Parent/Carer

School bus provision from September 2014

At the end of last term I wrote to you to explain that we have for some months been in negotiations with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to secure the provision of school buses for 2014 - 15.

Discussions have been positive and TfGM are able to offer good provision on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday. However despite significant lobbying from Governors and the Local Authority, they are unable to lay on a full service on a Wednesday afternoon when the school closes at 1.30pm. We will continue to talk to TfGM but it is unlikely that a solution will be found before the start of the new term in September.

Please see the attached timetable for a reminder of the available bus services. The timetable is also available on the school website. Whilst we are confident that all children who choose to travel by bus will be able to get home some may have to wait for a bus. It's difficult to predict just how many as we are not yet certain of how many children will opt to take part in after school activities on Wednesdays when the provision of buses is less comprehensive.

If pupils do need to wait for a bus they are welcome to do so at school in the MMRC or the canteen or to take part in one of the many activities laid on as part of 'Saddleworth Wednesdays' information for which is available via the school website. If need be, pupils can leave school at 1pm on a Wednesday to catch a scheduled service instead of staying for lunch.

It's important that you clarify with your child exactly what plans they have for Wednesday afternoon and how they intend to get home. If they do need to wait for a bus at school, then it's important that they use the time productively either completing homework or undertaking purposeful revision.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Milburn
Headteacher





Proposed School Bus Timetable - September 2014

Please examine the timetable carefully and agree with your child the best routes to and from school. Negotiations with Transport for Greater Manchester are ongoing to try and secure the same number of school buses provided previously.

	Time	Bus	Type*	From	Via (1)	Via (2)	Via (3)	Via (4)	Via (5)	Via (6)
Morning (buses to school)	07:33	350	Se	Ashton	Tameside General Hospital	Mossley, Brookbottom	Hey Farm	Greenfield	Uppermill (08:18)	
	07:37	184	Se	Oldham	Mumps	Lees	Grotton	Grasscroft	Uppermill (08:04)	
	07:40	350	Se	Oldham	Mumps	Greenacres	Scouthead	Carrcote	Delph	Uppermill (08:22)
	07:50	354	Se	Ashton	Stalybridge	Heyrod	Mossley, train station	Greenfield	Uppermill (08:26)	
	07:54	184	Se	Diggle (Old Station Turning)	Dobcross	Uppermill (08:08)				
	07:54	184	Se	Oldham	Mumps	Lees	Grotton	Grasscroft	Uppermill (08:21)	
	08:04	184	Sc	Mumps	Lees	Grotton	Grasscroft	Uppermill (08:24)		
	08:05	826	Sc	Grains Bar	Denshaw	Carrcote	Bleak Hey Nook	Horse and Jockey	Standedge	Uppermill (08:33)
	08:05	828	Sc	Mossley, Brookbottom	Friezland	Greenfield	Uppermill (08:26)			
	08:06	184	Se	Oldham	Mumps	Lees	Grotton	Grasscroft	Uppermill (08:33)	
	08:06	350	Sc	Mumps	Scouthead	Carrcote	Delph	Uppermill (08:32)		
	08:09	184	Se	Diggle (Huddersfield Road)	Uppermill (08:18)					

Afternoon (buses from school)

Time	Bus	Type	To	Via (1)	Via (2)	Via (3)	Via (4)	Via (5)	Via (6)
13:12	184	Se	Diggle	Dobcross					
13:15	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
13:15	354	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Mossley, train station	Heyrod	Stalybridge		
13:20	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
13:22	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		
13:34	184	Se	Huddersfield	Diggle					
13:42	353	Se	Carrcote	Dobcross	Delph				
13:43	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
13:45	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
13:52	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		
14:03	353	Se	Ashton	Friezland	Mossley, Brookbottom	Waterton Lane Estate	Mossley, train station	Heyrod	Stalybridge
14:12	184	Se	Diggle	Dobcross					
14:15	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
14:20	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
14:22	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		
14:31	354	Se	Denshaw	Dobcross	Delph	Carrcote			
14:34	184	Se	Huddersfield	Diggle					
14:45	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
14:52	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		
14:58	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:10	354	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Mossley, train station	Heyrod	Stalybridge		
15:12	184	Se	Diggle	Dobcross					
15:13	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:15	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
15:20	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:21	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		
15:34	184	Se	Huddersfield	Diggle					
15:40	183	Sc	Oldham	Delph	Scouthead	Mumps			
15:40	184	Sc	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
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15:40	828	Sc	Mossley, Brookbottom	Greenfield	Friezland				
15:42	353	Se	Carrcote	Dobcross	Delph				
15:43	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:45	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
15:47	184	Sc	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:53	184	Sc	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
15:54	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Heroes of Waterloo	Tameside Hospital	
15:58	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
16:03	353	Se	Ashton	Friezland	Mossley, Bookbottom	Waterton Lane Estate	Mossley Train Station	Heyrod	Stalybridge
16:12	184	Se	Diggle	Dobcross					
16:15	350	Se	Oldham	Delph	Carrcote	Scouthead	Greenacres	Mumps	
16:22	184	Se	Oldham	Grasscroft	Grotton	Lees	Mumps		
16:24	350	Se	Ashton	Greenfield	Hey Farm	Mossley, Brookbottom	Tameside General Hospital		

*Sc = School buses. These buses operate from/to the bus turnaround in Uppermill. Further details regarding school bus services can be found on the TfGM website

Se = Service buses. These buses operate from/to Commercial Hotel, High Street, Uppermill. NB - times are based on a scheduled timetable and are subject to change. Please check on the TfGM website for updates.