



Lochside Academy School Transport Information and Guidance for Parents/Carers and Children

Phased reopening of schools 15th March – 26th March 2021

General Information



- **Children are encouraged to avoid travelling to school on either public or school transport with walking and cycling being promoted where safe to do so, which are suitable options for a number of children attending Lochside Academy.**
- The Scottish Government has confirmed that an appropriate distance should be maintained on school transport and arrangements made, wherever possible, for each passenger to sit on their own. This will result in “zig-zag” style seating, with pupils permitted to sit alternately in window/aisle seats in each row of the vehicle.
- Physical distancing is still required between adults and children on School Transport. This is expected 2 metre distancing on secondary school transport, where appropriate.
- Transport Providers will be required to adhere to Transport Scotland’s Guidance for Transport Operators, which includes enhanced cleaning regimes on all vehicles.
- Vehicles are required to be well ventilated during the journey, which means that windows etc. will always be open during the journey. This may mean that the vehicle is cooler than normal.

Lochside Bus Services



- Routes and timetables can be viewed at: <https://lochside.aberdeen.sch.uk/updated-bus-timetable-2019-20/>.
- From **15th March 2021 to Friday 26th March 2021**, alternative timetables will operate Monday to Wednesday and the following variations to timetables will operate:

Monday to Friday | Inbound Services (Home to School)

Service	Timetable
21A	As normal
22A	As normal
22C	As normal
31	As normal
181	As normal
182	As normal
183	As normal

Monday to Wednesday | Outbound Services (School to Home)

Service	Timetable	Comments
21A	Will not operate	Children are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
22A	1 vehicle will depart at 11:15am	Children travelling at the end of the school day, or at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
22C	2 vehicles will depart at 11:15am	Children travelling at the end of the school day, or at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
31	Will not operate	Children are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
181	1 vehicle will depart at 11:15am	Children travelling at the end of the school day, or at other times are advised to utilise Service 18, from Abbotswell Crescent at Redmoss Road (children are advised to walk along Redmoss Road to access the bus stop).
182	Will not operate	Children travelling at the end of the school day, or at other times are advised to utilise Service 18, from Abbotswell Crescent at Redmoss Road (children are advised to walk along Redmoss Road to access the bus stop).
183	1 vehicle will depart at 11:15am	Children travelling at the end of the school day, or at other times are advised to utilise Service 18, from Abbotswell Crescent at Redmoss Road (children are advised to walk along Redmoss Road to access the bus stop).

Thursday to Friday | Outbound Services (School to Home)

Service	Timetable	Comments
21A	As normal	Children travelling at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
22A	As normal	Children travelling at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
22C	As normal	Children travelling at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
31	As normal	Children travelling at other times are advised to utilise Service 3, from Wellington Road.
181	As normal	Children travelling at other times are advised to utilise Service 18, from Abbotswell Crescent at Redmoss Road (children are advised to walk along Redmoss Road to access the bus stop).
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- The following school time services will continue to operate as local bus services; however these have been re-designated as school only services, which means only school children can travel on these services and no adults will be permitted to travel.
 - 22A, Victoria Road – Lochside Academy via Balnagask Road.
 - 22C, Balnagask circle – Lochside Academy, via Girdleness Road.
 - 31, Victoria Bridge – Lochside Academy.
 - 21A, Cove/Charleston – Lochside Academy.
 - 181, Gardner Drive – Lochside, via Cairngorm Drive.
 - 182, Provost Watt Drive – Lochside Academy, via Faulds Gate.
 - 183, Provost Watt Drive – Lochside Academy.

- The following services are open to the general public and as such children travelling on these services, at any time, must adhere to physical distancing requirements on public transport, more information can be viewed at: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/transport-transition-plan/advice-on-how-to-travel-safely/#section-63885>
 - 3, Mastrick - Cove, via Victoria Bridge
 - 18, Dyce – Redmoss Road, via Provost Watt Drive

Bus Passes (applicable to Torry and Kincorth pupils only)



- Bus passes loaded onto a pupil's Accord card are required to use the bus services. The bus pass can be loaded onto a pupils Accord card in school.
- Any children who have lost or damaged their Accord card since they were last in school should speak to the school office to arrange a replacement, in which case travel vouchers will be provided until the replacement Accord card has been received.

Please make sure your child fully understands the following before travelling:

Travel Advice



Confirming Passenger can travel

- Children should not travel if they or a member of their household are feeling unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - a new, continuous cough or high temperature or a change in normal sense of taste or smell or are self-isolating on the advice of NHS contact tracing. Transport providers will decline access to transport if passengers are unwell.

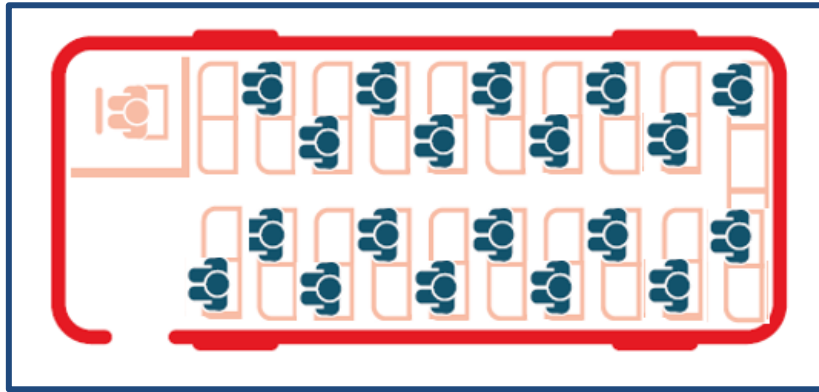
Protect Yourself & Others

Hygiene

- **Please wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before AND after travelling.**
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. Alternatively, if you need to sneeze or cough, do so into the crook of your elbow.
- No eating or drinking should take place in the vehicle.
- For children who travel in wheelchairs, please ensuring wheelchairs are kept clean and touch points wiped down prior to travelling.
- Passengers will also be restricted on belongings which can be brought onto the vehicle and only essential items should travel with the child to school.

Seating Arrangements

- Children must follow directions and instructions given to them by Transport staff.
- Children should enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- Children travelling on the vehicle should fill the vehicle from the rear first.
- Children should only sit on seats which are marked for use, to ensure appropriate physical distancing is adhered to and should take a seat quickly and remain seated in that seat until alighting. Where a bus does not have seat markers, a zig-zag arrangement will be in place where children should sit alternately in window/aisle seats in each row of the vehicle. For example:



Behaviour

- You should be on your best behaviour throughout your journey. Ensuring adherence to the measures in place for safe transportation. This is critical to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all passengers.
 - **Please note:**
 - Access to the existing school transport provision may be refused for children who persist in bad behaviour or do not follow the measures outlined in this guidance.
 - The school may also take disciplinary action against a child misbehaving on transport to and from school.
 - Transport Providers have the right to refuse to carry children, where they believe there is a risk to the safety of the other passengers.

Face Coverings



- Children using Public Transport services, such as those operated for Lochside Academy, should wear a face covering for the duration of all journeys, except for those for whom doing so would create a medical risk, including anxiety and has a clear medical condition confirmed by GP. The following should be followed, regarding the wearing of face coverings:
 - Before putting on or removing the face covering, hands should be cleaned by washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
 - Make sure the face covering is the right size to cover the nose, mouth and chin.
 - Where a child is wearing a disposable face covering, they should keep the covering on until they are in school/home and then dispose of the face covering as appropriate in the waste.
 - Where a child is wearing a reusable face covering, they should keep the covering on until they are in school/home and then store the face covering appropriately. Reusable face coverings should be washed after each day of use in school at 60 degrees centigrade or in boiling water.

- It is acknowledged that wearing face coverings will not be possible for all children. Children who are exempt may wish to carry an exemption card and a face covering exemption card can be found at: <http://exempt.scot/>.
- Drivers on these bus services will be behind a Perspex screen and as such will not be required to wear any face covering.

Boarding/Alighting the vehicle



Boarding the vehicle

- At the bus stop, children should physically distance, where possible. The location of some stops may not allow for this. In this event stand safely away from each other as much as possible.
- As travel passes are in use, please ensure this is ready to use, wait and allow one person at a time on the bus whilst presenting your travel pass onto the card reader on the bus. Any children using vouchers, should pass these to the driver.
- Children should fill the vehicle from the rear.
- Children should take a seat as quickly as possible on boarding and remain seated in that seat until alighting.
- Children must follow directions and instructions given to them by Transport staff.

Alighting the vehicle

- For alighting children should ring the bell, but please remain seated until the vehicle has come to a stop at the drop off point.
- Passengers should alight in an orderly manner.
- Once on the pavement move away from the vehicle immediately to allow others leave the vehicle.

Vehicle Cleaning



- Transport Providers must have appropriate enhanced cleaning regimes in place and the details of these have been shared with the school transport team.
- The school transport team have provided guidance to support Transport providers in ensuring appropriate cleaning measures are in place, in line with public health guidelines.
- Transport providers have implemented relevant training for staff.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned quickly after each journey, wherever possible. This is especially important where vehicles are used for other purposes before and after transporting children to school. Enhanced cleaning will also take place at the end of each day.
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- A number of Transport providers operating coaches and buses have implemented long-lasting sanitising treatments on their vehicles, e.g. fogging machines.