



ST THOMAS MORE

VC ACADEMY

3rd July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Home to School Transport

We write to inform you about notable changes to our school transport offer from September 2023.

Fees

Trust Directors have approved an increase to our school transport service charge. The cost remains at £1 per journey per child, but without reductions for multiple children from the same family.

This represents the first increase in almost 10 years and continues to offer the service at a heavily subsidised rate. Payments will continue to be collected via ParentPay in the usual way.

Ellie Rose

Ellie Rose Travel operates the school transport service for St Mary's College and their support of our Trust will expand to additionally operate our dedicated route using a single Ellie Rose Travel bus, displaying number 938. We are currently working with Ellie Rose to make slight adjustments to collection and drop-off times along our existing route and will advise these separately.

Please be assured that whilst the service is moving to an external provider, a member of our school staff team will be onboard the bus at all times to accompany the children.

Bus Places

If your child(ren) requires a place on the school bus from September 2023, then you should confirm their booking and preferred collection/drop-off stops via the electronic booking form that you will receive in due course. It is important that you complete this form as there will be no assumption that previous users of the service are continuing but existing users will be prioritised should the service be over-subscribed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries or concerns in relation to this letter.

Thank you

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