



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College
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To parents and carers of students on the CS4 coach

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, I have been striving for some time to improve the transport arrangements between the Forest Row area and Chailey School. I realise only too well that the uncertainty of whether there will be a vacant seat available for you to purchase for the new academic year on an ongoing basis is unhelpful and unsettling.

I am pleased to report that, with effect from the first day of term in September 2016, the Local Authority has worked with a public bus service operator – Seaford and District – who will be running a service to and from Chailey School every school day. The timetable for the morning and afternoon journeys, including calling points, is attached.

As this is a public bus service, albeit only operating on school days, the 'Freedom Ticket' arrangements apply. I understand that means that students purchase a 'Freedom Ticket' each week – the price of which is the same as for other Freedom Ticket areas (e.g. Lewes to Chailey) which is £16 per week. The added advantage of the Freedom Ticket however, as I am led to believe, is that students can use their Freedom Ticket on other services outside of the school service (which is the No. 150) as the Freedom Ticket covers 7 days. For example, I believe students would be able to use it on the No. 261 between East Grinstead and Uckfield.

Crucially, it removes the uncertainty around getting a seat as you are purchasing a ticket to travel on a public bus service.

Please note that those students who are statutorily entitled to free transport to and from school – whether from the Forest Row area or at other points on the route - will be sent passes for this new service during the summer break and indeed all parents currently on the CS4 coach will be written to by the Local Authority. However, I wanted to ensure that you had this information before the end of term.

Finally, please do feel free to share this transport information with your wider community so that other parents who are considering Chailey School for their children but are uncertain about the transport situation, can be reassured that a public service is in place from September 2016.

Thank you for your patience and support during what has been a protracted process but I am pleased that we all have a resolution after all our endeavours!

Yours sincerely

Lesley Young
Headteacher

