

SME/JEV/SSA/GHA

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: Students Travelling by Contract Buses

We hope you and your families are well and have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

As you are aware, a large number of industries are continuing to work hard to minimise the effect that the pandemic has on their day to day operations. So far this academic year, Hedingham and Chambers, our contract bus provider has been able to run and provide our students with a consistent service without major disruption. As we move into our spring term, we would like to make you aware that there may be the rare occasion that this service provided is affected.

Due to the spread of the Omicron variant, there may be circumstances which result in peak time bus services being affected due to a decrease in the number of drivers available. If such an occasion does happen, there may be buses that are up to an hour late as there will be one driver assigned for two routes.

Obviously such an occasion is very unlikely, but in collaboration with Hedingham and Chambers we wanted to continue to be as transparent as possible in our communications to parents and carers. Hedingham and Chambers would also like you to be aware that they will update their Twitter feed as soon as possible if there is to be any changes to the timetable services. Equally if changes are made, we will of course aim to work supportively with all involved to ensure students safety and welfare continues to be the priority.

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing the students on Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely,



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