

School transport and Covid-19 - academic year 2021/22

This guidance covers Herefordshire Council provided school and college transport from the Autumn term 2021, and more widely the use of public transport by students travelling to and from school or college.

We recommend that you follow the Government guidance summarised here to help to keep your child safe and talk to your child about the general advice and rules for their particular type of service before they travel.

This guidance is effective from 1 September 2021 and will be kept under review.

When an individual develops Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Children, young people and adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not board dedicated transport or public transport if they have symptoms or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on Covid-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Ensure good hygiene for everyone

- **Hand hygiene** - frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that your child cleans their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser.
- **Respiratory hygiene** - the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important. Your child should carry tissues and use them to catch their cough or sneeze. They should dispose of the tissue and clean their hands as soon as possible afterwards.

Face coverings

Wearing face coverings is no longer a legal requirement on public transport but the government expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet



On dedicated transport it is recommend that children and young people aged 11 and over continue to wear a face covering when travelling to secondary school or college.