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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of changes to the bus services to the Castle Rock and King Edward VII campus. Although there is no obligation for the Local Authority or schools to provide buses or passes for students who are not outside of the three mile radius, both schools have commissioned Roberts Coaches to provide a heavily subsidised “pay as you go” service for students who live closer than the three mile limit. Unfortunately, from the beginning of the Autumn term 2019, this option will no longer be financially viable. The demands on the school budgets nationally are increasing and as both services (CR1 and KE1) are heavily subsidised, we have no other option but to cease operating these private hire services from the Autumn term 2019 (Thursday 29th August 2019).

Roberts Travel group are looking into the possibility of operating their own commercial service for students. The proposed route will be as attached. This would be a service offered directly by Roberts Travel Group where parents will be able to purchase a yearly pass through their website and with multiple options from 1 to 8 payments.

For Roberts Travel Group to assess whether there is sufficient numbers to offer such a service, they require all interested persons to email their name, address and number of places required to:

Meadowlanesch@robertstravelgroup.co.uk

All details will be treated as confidential and will only be used to communicate in regards to the school service.

There are however, other local public transport services around Coalville who drop students off close to the school which parents may wish to use.

All schools within the Apollo Partnership Trust have been awarded “The Healthy School Status” and as such would encourage students where possible to walk or cycle to school. There are secure cycle storage facilities on the Castle Rock site for students to use. Students will be required to fill in a cycle pass request form which is available from the main school office.

We will continue to work with parents to ensure information regarding alternative home to school transport is available via our websites.

Again, please understand that this decision has been made after careful consideration and we sincerely hope that you understand and we appreciate your support.

Yours faithfully

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