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Dear Parents and carers

506 Durley bus route update – Bus passes

We have been discussing with HCC and Xelabus about the overcrowding of the 506 Durley bus at times, including the situation when students were refused access to the bus due to it being overcrowded when being collected from College. They have confirmed that the capacity of the buses will include a number of standing passengers, but over this number they will not be able to take any further passengers.

To try and resolve this issue, HCC have shared with us a list of which students that have been issued with a bus pass and are eligible to be using the 506 service. It has come to light that some students are using the service who are not authorised to and therefore the bus is becoming over crowded. In this situation HCC and the bus companies insurance would not cover these students in the event of an incident/accident.

Therefore, to resolve this issue, with effect from after half term Monday 1st November, any student who wishes to travel without a bus pass and is not registered to travel on the 506 bus service will be refused boarding. The bus drivers have been asked to check passes for all students at both pick up in the morning and collection in the evening from College.

If you wish to apply for a bus pass, please check the [eligibility for transport to a mainstream school](#) Further to this you can contact Home-to School transport direct at Hampshire County Council by either email South.schooltransport@hants.gov.uk or phone 01962 846924.

Bus passes are issued at the beginning of September, every academic new-year, being sent direct to the address that HCC hold on record. If you did not receive a new pass in September, please contact the transport offices above.

We acknowledge that some families, will need to make alternative arrangements for their child to get to and from Wyvern, but unfortunately, we are governed by HCC Transport Eligibility criteria and the services provided are tailored for those eligible for the service.



We are continuing to work with both HCC and Xelabus with the time which the 506 service arrives on College site in the mornings and are hoping that a solution can hopefully be implemented after half term. We will, as always keep you updated of any developments.

Best wishes

Mrs J Smith

PA to Headteacher

