

IMPORTANT LETTER FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN USING THE SCHOOL BUS

Dear Parents/Carers

The school bus commences tomorrow, Wednesday 1st September 2021.

As you may be aware the school bus requires the attendance of an escort in the morning and afternoon, to ensure that the children are safe and get off at the correct stop etc.

Irrespective of whether your child receives a bus pass or pays a fare, the cost of employing the bus escort is not covered by Translink and falls to the school. Due to cuts in education and lack of funding the school can no longer subsidise the cost of the bus and we will rely on the parents of children who use the bus to make a contribution to costs.

The school bus service was arranged by our school entirely on a goodwill basis to help and assist parents get their children to Lough View. It is however not a statutory obligation and due to it becoming an on-going drain on our finances we have had to cut the 1.30pm service in 2019.

The cost to cover the escort on each bus is 40p per journey per child or £4 per week (5 days both ways). Simply calculate the number of journeys you are liable for and send the correct amount in an envelope marked bus money with your child's/children's names, to the school office. The contributions can be paid on a weekly/monthly/yearly basis.

Finally thank you to the parents who currently contribute to the costs of the bus escort. Your support is much appreciated.

The cost of a bus fare without a bus pass is now £1.05.

Mr Spillane

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