



October 2018

Newark Academy Minibus service to Fernwood

Dear Parents/Carers

Due to the rapidly increasing student numbers now attending Newark Academy and the amount of students requiring use of the existing Fernwood school mini bus service, we have undertaken a thorough review of the demands that are placed on this existing free service. In order to maintain this service and to continue to deliver an effective option of transporting those students who live in and around the Fernwood estate, we have made some important changes to our existing service that we would like to share with parents and carers.

We have undertaken a thorough monitoring process of the existing service since September 2018 and following a review of this process, your child has been issued with a bus pass which provides them with the time that they are permitted to travel on our free bus service. To be clear, we have now doubled the number of 'runs' to Fernwood to ensure that all students are able to travel to and from the Academy. However, as you will no doubt appreciate, some students will be allocated 'run 1 times' and others will be allocated 'run 2'

As already stated, there continues to be no immediate change for your child's current service other than the mini bus pass issued. However, it is important that I make you aware that due to the high volume of students applying for a place at Newark Academy in 2019, this service will be constantly under review and could incur a small charge from September 2019 to maintain this service.

Any further questions please do contact the school office on 01636 615000.

Yours sincerely

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