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Dear parent/carer

School transport - 'No-Pass, No-Travel'

Bridgend County Borough Council will re-introduce the 'No-Pass, No-Travel' Scheme for secondary school-age pupils travelling on school buses from Monday 20 September 2021.

The scheme was suspended for the duration of the last school year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The scheme is being reintroduced to ensure only eligible pupils can travel on local authority provided school buses.

New 'credit card' style bus passes for the 2021-2022 school year have been provided to pupils via schools over the last two weeks and are identifiable from the old-style passes (that are no longer valid) via the inclusion of a hologram.

From Monday 20 September, pupils will be refused entry on to any secondary school bus if they do not produce a valid bus pass. Each bus pass will also include the route number that must match that of the bus they are catching.

School transport is available from home to school only. Pupils are unable to catch a school bus that does not match their pass. For example, to travel to, or from other locations (eg a friend's address) is not permissible.

If an eligible pupil loses their bus pass, parents/carers are advised to speak to their school, who will arrange for a temporary pass to be provided.

Guidance on school transport arrangements is available on the local authority's website, as follows:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/>
<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/cy/preswylwyr/ysgolion-ac-addysg/>

Parents/carers are also reminded that the local authority continues to apply a zero-tolerance approach to poor behaviour on school transport vehicles. Any pupil who places themselves, another pupil or a member of transport staff in danger, may have their transport eligibility revoked.

I am grateful for your ongoing cooperation and support with these matters.

Yours sincerely



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