



# ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

20 August 2020

Dear Parents,

*This email is being sent to ALL parents and contains important information. Please read it even if your child does not use School transport and is likely not to do so*

For the upcoming year, St Bedes College are changing the way pupils use the dedicated transport services. From this year, we are asking parents to book in advance for the service. This can be done up to 2 hours before a journey is to take place.

Due to rising costs in running the services, there will be a slight cost increase per journey. Each journey taken will now cost £2.75.

Bookings made just prior may not be accepted if a route is full and all parents are encouraged to place their bookings in advance.

Pupils will continue to be allowed to board the bus without a booking by tapping their Kura fob when boarding. However, this will now be subject to a supplement of £1 per journey – totalling £3.75.

Kura, the transport management company with whom we work to provide our home to school service, will begin accepting bookings for the 2020/2021 academic year from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Initial bookings **must** be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020. Please note that if you have had bookings on the bus service for your children in the past, these are now deleted and you **must** make a new booking for the forthcoming year.

From this year, you will be required to renew your booking via Transport2's new **Kura** app, and *not* with the School. The **Kura app** can be downloaded from either the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store. Details about how to make the bookings via the app can be found on the School's dedicated transport site: [www.ridekura.com/sbcm](http://www.ridekura.com/sbcm). You will receive a link code, by email from Transport2/Kura, in order to activate your secure account.

To make sure that only St Bedes College parents have permission to sign up, and so that we can allow safe *ad-hoc* use by *any* St Bedes pupil if the need arises, the School will share your name and surname and e-mail address, and your child's name and surname with Transport2, even if you do not intend making use of the service. This is a safety provision by the School to avoid any pupil being denied access to a school bus, in the event of an emergency, or when travelling home with a bus-user school friend, for instance. If you have any questions about how information is used please contact [stbedescollege@ridekura.com](mailto:stbedescollege@ridekura.com).

If you intend to register for the service you will be asked to provide further information about your child's route, pick-up point and days of travel. You also have the opportunity to provide details of other emergency contacts to Transport2 you may wish registered, provided those people have given you consent to do so. All this information is required in order that Transport2 can provide the services to you.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020** you will receive an email from Transport2/Kura with a **link code** which you can use to access the **Kura app** should you wish to do so.



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Please note that, for security reasons, this **link code will remain valid for seven days only** after which you will need to contact Kura to request a new code.

If you choose to register your child for the bus service, data about your child's use of it, including their location, will be shared with you via the app, and also with the School and Transport2. This is to ensure the **Kura app** works effectively, allowing us to know who is travelling on each journey, where they are during live service, providing improved physical safety for pupils and assurance to parents, pupils, the School and Transport2 in the event of any incident *en route*. Please inform your child that their data has been shared in this way.

Please ensure you read the terms and conditions for using the transport service before making a booking. These, together with detailed timetables and charges for all routes, are available on the School's dedicated transport site: [www.ridekura.com/sbcm](http://www.ridekura.com/sbcm)

Once you have completed your booking, you will receive an instant confirmation via the **Kura app**.

Kind regards.

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Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

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