

## **TRAVEL PLAN UPDATE: HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND CAR SHARING**

Following on from the recent Home to School transport survey, please see the following update.

### **Home to School transport**

- The survey identified sufficient demand for 2 routes; one from the Royston area, and the other from the Saffron Walden area.
- We are now working with 3 companies to refine proposals and costs.
- Our intention is to launch these 2 routes, with a return service, commencing the start of the Michaelmas term 2022.
- We aim to keep costs as low as possible; the daily rate for a coach on one route will be in the region of £325.
- The services would operate with tracking technology in order for parents to monitor the progress of the coach / bus and the location of their child / children.
- Booking will be via a parent portal. We aim to ensure a flexible service for parents, rather than needing to book for a whole term.
- Further details will be published once we have completed our due diligence, and contracts are in place with the service provider.

### **Car sharing**

- A number of parents are already car sharing as a means of reducing costs and reducing car journeys to school.
- We have also received some enquiries from other parents about car sharing.
- We aim to launch an app this term that will assist parents in connecting to explore car sharing opportunities.
- The app will also connect parents who wish to explore walking and other travel options.
- For those children with a mobile phone, it will also allow parents to track their child's journeys to school.
- Further details will be published once we have completed our due diligence.

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