



Hillcrest School & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a potential new bus route that The Green Bus Company may be able to provide students who travel to Hillcrest School, Stonehouse Lane. I have attached the potentially new route known as route 821 which starts at Villa Road, Handsworth and has a further three stops before the final destination at Stonehouse Lane. The route is attached and has been developed using student postcodes where we feel there may be the need for a direct bus route to school. Timings have been provided by the bus company and will be confirmed if the new service goes ahead.

The single fare for this route per day is £1.50 with return journey charged at £2.80 per day. The bus would be a cashless route so fares would be payable using the 'Swift pay as you go' cards rather than cash. These cards can be topped up by parents/carers and can also be linked to bank accounts to enable quick transfers of funds onto the students travel cards. Unfortunately the Green Bus does not accept nBus, nNetwork or Travelcards.

For more information on the swift card, please see:

<https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/swift/swift-ticket-finder/?PAYG>

In order for this route to be agreed, we need to ensure that at least 50 students are able to travel on this route and at this point we are asking parent/carers to confirm if they would be interested in using this new bus service. If you are interesting in using this service, please respond using the response slip below and **return to student reception by Friday 15th February 2019**. Further information will then be issued, once we are aware of how many students would be interested in travelling this bus route.

I do hope that this service can be enabled as a direct bus route would mean a quicker and easier route into school for many students.

Yours sincerely

Ms J A Davies
Headteacher

Bus route 821 Reply Slip

Please complete and return to Student Reception by Friday 15th February 2019

Child's Name: _____ Form: _____

I am interested in the potential new 821 bus route and would like further details once available (Please tick)

Signed Parent/Carer: _____ Date

'Pupils' conduct is excellent. Around the School and in lessons, pupils are courteous and confident.'
'Strong ambition for improving outcomes for all pupils has led to good examination results.'
(Ofsted 2017)