

**Dear Parents & Carers** 

## Wisbech 46 School bus service – Academic Year 22/23

The Wisbech 46 Bus runs for children outside the Norfolk catchment area and is funded by fares collected from the students using the service on a termly or half termly basis.

Since 2019, we have managed to keep the daily charge to £3.25 per day. Due to increasing fuel costs, from September 2022 the price will need to increase from £3.25 to £3.50 a day. Whilst we appreciate times are challenging for everyone at the moment, in order for the coach company to continue to offer this service, they are left with no option but to increase the daily charge for the hire of the coach. In order to keep price increases to a minimum, a second loop will be added to the route allowing more students to use the service.

The charge for the Autumn Term 22 will be £241.50. This will cover fares from Monday 5th September to Friday 16th December and equates to 69 school days. If you would like to register your interest for a seat, I would be grateful if you could please contact the Finance Office - finance@marshlandhigh.co.uk before 15th July.

Financial support, up to 75% of the cost of school transport, is available to qualifying parents. Please see <u>Learning Support Fund</u> details which can be found on our website.

Once student numbers have been confirmed, you will be contacted once again with details of the route, along with available payment options.

All fares are payable in advance of travel, and bus passes will only be issued if payment has been received in full by the stated deadlines. We are unable to issue refunds if you choose to stop using the bus during the half term, or term once payment has been made.

Payments will be accepted from 1st August. If you have any difficulties or concerns regarding payment then please contact the school's finance office on 01945 586332 or by email <a href="mailto:finance@marshlandhigh.co.uk">finance@marshlandhigh.co.uk</a>

Yours faithfully

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