



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

Headteacher: John Rooney Chair of Governors: Dr Pat Hurley

Dear Parent/Carer,

15th July 2022

Important Information about bus services from September 2022

We were notified at lunchtime, yesterday 14th July, of some changes to our school bus provision from September 2022. These changes only effect services currently operated by First Bus Company. First have made the decision to cancel all school services from September. McAuley were give no pre-warning about this. We have been contacted by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) with the following information:

'Local services that extend to McAuley from Doncaster Town centre on service 14, 51 and 87 have been cancelled by First from September 2022. Alternative local bus services are available to and from Doncaster Town centre with additional capacity being provided to/from the school.. An additional 490 journey will also be provided due to the loss of the extensions to the school.'

What are the implications for McAuley Students? Pupils who travel to school on the 14, 51a or 87 will have to change at the interchange to a service that travels to McAuley. For example 490 (where extra capacity has been added) or 57 service. These buses have previously travelled into the interchange, however, pupils have not had to change service. They will now need to. This will be the same on the return journey. Pupils will need to travel on the 490 from school to the interchange to get one of the above services.

Other notification about the change in provider but with the same service on some other routes

'School service 455, 466, 472/473, 481, 482 and 490...there may be a change in provider.'

What are the implications for McAuley Students? Pupils traveling on the above services will see no difference in their travel. These routes will run as they have this year.

Where can I get further information and how can I ensure that my child gets to school on time? School bus information for September 2022 will be available for parents and pupils at <https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/school-buses> as soon as these have been finalised. This is likely to be late July and early August. Pupils having to change services can ensure they are not having to pay multiple times by purchasing a weekly Get About Pass [Discounted Bus Tickets](#). This allows pupils to travel on any service throughout the week. If you have concerns or want further information, contact Travel South Yorkshire <https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/contact>.

We will continue to update you should the situation change and, once timetables have been issued, will you give clear advice and guidance on how to ensure that your child will be able to arrive in school in good time.

Yours sincerely,

John Rooney
Headteacher

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