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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Stagecoach Update

I am writing to provide an important update on the Stagecoach bus service which will affect all students who use this provision.

As you know, when parents/carers accept a place at St Peter's, it is their responsibility to ensure that their child can travel safely to and from school whether that is by car, bike, walking, train or bus. St Peter's is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated school bus service to transport our students to and from home as far as Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Godalming and Worplesdon each day.

We meet Stagecoach on a regular basis to review the service and passenger numbers to ensure that all routes are maintained and is sustainable as a business. Unfortunately, over the years, ticket sales have significantly decreased and to maintain this service, it is vital that students continue to use Stagecoach, or we could be in danger of potentially losing a route.

I am pleased to confirm that Stagecoach has agreed to continue to run the current four routes for 2024/25, albeit with the reduction of tickets on SP3 which has already been communicated to you.

Please refer to the attached letter from Stagecoach with further details of the service and prices for the next academic year.

Purchasing tickets

To support Stagecoach, we have agreed to help with the administration aspect of the service and parents/carers will not be required to complete an application form this year.

Termly tickets must be purchased IN FULL via your child's Scopay account. You will be given the opportunity to purchase all three terms in advance or one term at a time. However, please be advised that all tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis and we would highly recommend purchasing the termly tickets as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Please note, when purchasing a ticket, Stagecoach's terms and conditions apply. They can be found attached to this Schoolcomms.

The Scopay link will be live on **Friday 19th July at noon** for tickets to be purchased. Please save the date in your diary and ensure you select the correct route and school term.

Payment can be made online using a **credit or debit card**. Please login to your online account and scroll down to the heading 'Optional Trips and Events'. Once all the seats have been allocated and a bus route is full, this route will no longer appear on Scopay.

For the attention of all Year 6 parents/carers: the new Scopay link letters were distributed on 9th July 2024 by Schoolcomms, please ensure you have signed up as soon as possible.

Students who use the Stagecoach bus on an ad hoc basis, can continue to do so (where there is unsold termly space), and will need to pay using cash or card. However, please note that priority is always given to students who have already paid in advance for a termly ticket.

Issuing tickets

On the morning of Tuesday 3rd September, students in Years 7 and 12 who have paid for their pass will be permitted travel on the bus and must collect their Smartcards at break or lunchtime from the Finance Office that day.

On the morning of Wednesday 4th September, students in Years 8 to 13 who have paid for their pass will also be permitted to travel on the bus and must collect their Smartcards at break or lunchtime from the Finance Office that day.

From Thursday 5th September, all students will need to show their Smartcard.

Queries

If you have any Scopay payment queries, please email finance@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

If you have any Stagecoach questions, please email stpetersguildford@stagecoachbus.com

Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Miller
Headteacher

Enclosures:

- Letter from Stagecoach
- Terms and Conditions from Stagecoach