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Headteachers

All Nottinghamshire Schools

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Dear Headteacher

### **September Home to School Travel Plans**

As you will be aware, the government guidance for the full opening of schools was published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July which included details around travel to schools. On the 11<sup>th</sup> August we received the promised additional in-depth transport to school guidance.

We have over the last few weeks been working with several schools who currently have school transport, to design alternative temporary home to school travel plans in line with the government guidelines and school requirements; most schools have been able to make the necessary arrangements in line with government guidance.

Recently the Government announced a financial package for local authorities to help manage and administer these additional transport requirements. We have already used this to increase capacity on our dedicated school transport network and on some public transport routes to accommodate school requests and known high frequency routes to certain schools.

We do, however, know that many young people and families use the public transport network to get to other schools and colleges, many making short journeys (under 2 miles). The Government has advised where possible, that young people and their families should avoid using the public transport network at peak times where capacity levels have been reduced due to social distancing measures. The government has requested that schools and colleges encourage parents, staff and pupils to walk or cycle to school/college where it is safe and appropriate to do so. There is also an acceptance by the government that car usage will increase for longer journeys.

We encourage schools and colleges to consider the travel plans in place for their school/college and promote, via existing communication methods to parents, active travel (walking and cycling) for shorter journeys. We also advise that you consider the implications of more parents driving their children to school and college and how this will affect your site and the surrounding area.

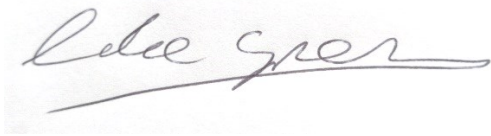
More information regarding travel to school can be found on our website at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/covid-19-pupils-travelling-on-dedicated-mainstream-school-transport-from-september-2020](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/covid-19-pupils-travelling-on-dedicated-mainstream-school-transport-from-september-2020). I have also attached an A4

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flyer which will be used in our social media from next week, please feel free to share this with your school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Spencer', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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