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Dear Parents,

As the new term creeps upon us this is a reminder about the bus available for your children to use between Yaxley and Hampton Gardens/College. Please find below various options available for the school year from September 2018:

1. **Term Travel Pass, Term 1** (5th September - 18th December 2018) will be £189.00 (14 weeks at £13.50 per week). Passes will need to be purchased from Decker Bus offices either by telephone for card purchases/bank transfers or in person cash and card. This can be done from Tuesday 28th August during the hours of 10:00 and 16:00.
If the term Travel Pass is lost our offices must be contacted, and one replacement pass will be issued, further replacements will be issued at a cost of £7.00 per pass.
- a. **Siblings discount** (per term) - we can offer an additional option to try and help costs. The price for all sibling passes will be £168.00 for the term equating to £12.00 per week. This reduction will only apply to siblings living at the same address (proof required) and the person paying for the passes must pay for both in advance.

**The child will need to ensure that the pass is kept safe and shown every journey.
If the pass is lost, travel on the bus will be payable or refused if no money to pay.**

2. **Weekly Travel Pass**, this is a new concept introduced for the new school year.
Passes can be purchased from the driver on a **Monday** morning, no later, at a cost of £15.00 per week.

**The child will need to ensure that the pass is kept safe and shown every journey.
If the pass is lost, travel on the bus will be payable or refused if no money to pay.**

3. **Daily tickets** can be purchased on the bus in the form of either a daily return at £3.50 or a single journey at £1.75. Return tickets must be kept safe and shown to the driver on return.
**The child will need to ensure that the ticket is kept safe and shown on return journey.
If the ticket is lost, travel on the bus will be payable or refused if no money to pay.**

Decker Bus would like to explain that the prices have had to be reviewed and increased due to Hampton Gardens being unable to offer the same level of financial support that was given in 2017/18. Last year after the first term, student numbers dropped considerably and in December 2018 there were often only 6 students on board. Unfortunately, whether 6 or 60 students travel, the overheads, driver wages and fuel remain the same cost to us. However, with another year intake starting this September there will hopefully be an increase in students using the bus thus, the financial viability of providing the transport will not prove to be a negative impact. We would also like to remind parents this is a closed service meaning the general public cannot board the bus and travel with your children and all drivers are DBS

cleared. With the bus travelling through various points in Yaxley students can get on at the nearest stop to their house which hopefully is a reassurance and comfort to you that it's as near as a door to door service that we can offer.

We would also like to point out that pick-up times have changed and are now 10 minutes earlier. This is to allow for the extra time it might take to load and for Hampton College students to get to registration in time as last year some were late if the bus was caught in congestion along the route. Please see the timetable below.

Bus Stops and timings	
A Broadway/Windsor Road Junction 07.45	F Daimler Avenue, outside playground 07.54
B Windsor Road 07.46	G Bentley Avenue 07.55
C Main Street, Antonio's Pizza 07.48	H Ferndale (outside N° 17) 07.56
D Broadway, opposite garage 07.51	I Brunel Drive/London Road Junction 07.57
E Broadway, British Legion 07.52	

We hope that this information is clear, however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office via the above number or email.

Yours sincerely

Decker Bus Ltd