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Dear Parent / Guardian

Notice of Withdrawal of Student Minibus Transport Services at Ormiston NEW Academy.

On behalf of Ormiston NEW Academy, I am writing to parents and guardians to advise that from 28th April 2025 the current free minibus service will no longer be provided to students.

The Academy has given serious thought and consideration into this matter and has not taken the decision lightly, however, the Academy cannot sustain these costs going forward and has therefore made the strategic decision to save costs. The Academy will be reinvesting their financial resources towards specific teaching and learning activities that will continue to raise academic achievement and success. In addition, the Academy wishes to promote a healthier lifestyle for students by encouraging them to adopt a more 'independent traveller' approach to making their way to school.

As you may be aware, the Academy is not obliged by law to provide 'free student transport' i.e. at no direct charge or cost to students, parents and/or guardians unless there are certain mitigating circumstances, but the Academy has done so at a substantial cost and subsidy for the students.

We realise and fully appreciate that this news may be challenging for some students and their families and we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible for those affected by this decision.

For more information on local bus routes, timetables are available online at <u>www.nxbus.co.uk</u>, where you can search for your local bus route. Alternatively, the contact telephone number is 0121 254 6363.

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Cooling Principal Ormiston NEW Academy





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