

01 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I realise that the end of term letter has already been sent out to you in the last couple of days, and last week we communicated the arrangements for the last day of term on Friday, however two additional pieces of information have been delivered to school in the last 24 hours which we wanted to share with you.

The first of these was received from TfGM relating to two bus services which serve the school at the start and end of the school day. Their service planning team wrote;

As you will likely be aware Transport for Greater Manchester has a responsibility to make the most efficient use of taxpayer funds when providing bus services. Consequently, the school and general bus networks are under continuous review. Changes to school bus services are usually made in September, however due to increasing costs and budgetary pressure changes will be taking place from Thursday 24 April 2022. Harrytown High School is affected because the services outlined below can be incorporated into the general services that were tendered and are proximate to the school route. These changes have allowed us to support and maintain services for the future.

Service Changes

School journeys on service 807 will change operator from Belle Vue to Stotts.

School journeys on service 819 will change operator from Belle Vue to Stagecoach.

Please do not hesitate to contact Customer.relations@tfgm.com with any queries.

There will be no change to the routes, though service 819 will be retimed to depart 5 minutes later in the afternoon

Changes Effective from 25 April 2022 (the Monday after the 4 day Bank Holiday week):

- Service 807 will be operated by Stotts Tours

- Service 819 will be operated by Stagecoach Manchester. The afternoon journey will run 5 minutes later throughout.

PLEASE NOTE:

The £7.60 TfGM Weekly bus ticket will no longer be available on services 807 or 819.

For travel on service 819 Stagecoach's weekly ticket is available for £8.70 (with an iGo pass).

For travel on all operators services, the System One weekly ticket, which can be used on services 807 or 819, is available for £9.70

Secondly, the Town Centre Police Team have asked us to pass on the following message:

Parents and Carers - Do you know where your kids are?

Recently there has been a large increase in the number of young people (aged between 9-17 years) coming to Stockport Town Centre and doing what can only be described as 'running riot'.

'I have come that they have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

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Greater Manchester Police have instructed their teams of officers to tackle this issue. It simply is not fair to those people who are trying to go about their legitimate daily business, be that shopping, socialising, travelling, working or any other activity, to be confronted by the levels of Anti-Social Behaviour that are taking place.

A community response is being sought here. GMP have asked that parents/carers/guardians to speak to their children/young people about the correct ways to behave and help to make sure that they are not coming to the town centre or indeed certain district centres after school and causing issues with their friends.

GMP have stated that they will be using their powers of arrest where they are required and conducting home visits to speak to parents/carers where their children/young people are involved in less serious offences.

Please help us, your community and your children and young people by doing your bit to keep them out of trouble.

Thank you - Stockport Town Centre Police Team

I apologise for sending yet another letter but feel it that it is important to share this information with you. Once again, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy, peaceful and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher