

June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Waterhouses Bus Route from September 2023

QEGS will be continuing to provide transport from September 2023 for the academic year; the bus will be provided **free of charge** to parents/carers from September 2023 with priority given to full time travellers.

In order to keep costs manageable to QEGS, the pickup and route will be very simple and direct. Whilst some parents may have individual requests for other local pick-ups, this is simply not possible due to the increase in cost and time to the route.

Waterhouses Bus route: Stanton/Waterhouses/QEGS

Interest already received for the route this year has indicated that it will take the numbers over the capacity of a 16-seater minibus. QEGS has managed to arrange with Derbyshire School Transport to use the spare seats on the 006 minibus which picks up from Mappleton to QEGS and it will go to Waterhouses only prior to Mappleton school will be heavily subsidising this extra part of the route cost. Numbers will be restricted to the vacant seats and priority will be given to any new student requiring transport from Mappleton and may result in students being declined from the route.

Waterhouses students allocated to this bus will be required to be at the stop ready to depart at 07:55 and if late, will not be able to catch the slightly later main Waterhouses/Stanton bus due to being at full capacity. This is the only option for accommodating the increased passenger numbers this year and may result in a ballot if extra capacity is exceeded.

If your child is currently using the Waterhouses route during 2022-2023 and parent/carer elected to pay via monthly payments (whilst payment is required) please ensure full payment is made before September 2023 any questions please contact Mrs Bramwell.

Please fill in the attached application form and return to Mrs C Bramwell via <u>enquiries@qegs.email</u> or post to the school address by **Friday 7th July 2023** for confirming a seat is required. Mrs Bramwell will then be in contact prior to the September start to confirm a seat on the bus, which vehicle and details of timings for the routes.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kate Morgan Assistant Headteacher