



Friday 15th November, 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you in regard to changes and additions to bus services introduced by TfL from Saturday, 7th December, 2019.

A number of significant changes have been introduced by TfL across London.

They have informed us of the following:

- The introduction of a new service, bus number 278. This will be a 7 days a week service, running approximately every 15 minutes from Ruislip to Heathrow and back all day. It will mirror a significant part of the current 697 and 698 bus routes.
- The withdrawal of the last 698 each morning that is, the 07.39, departing from West Drayton, scheduled to arrive at 08.34 a.m.
- The withdrawal of the last 697 each morning that is the 07.43, departing from Wood Lane/Lansbury Drive, scheduled to arrive at 08.30.
- The withdrawal of one 697 and one 698 bus from the current evening service. This will not affect Year 7 or Year 8 students that usually get on one of the first two 697 or 698 buses that park up outside the school.

The new 278 route will be a standard, double decker public service. It will use the current bus stop adjacent to the school every 15 minutes throughout the day.

The 278 will follow the 697 route to Uxbridge County Court stops E & F on Uxbridge Road and will then travel to Hayes Town and on to Heathrow. Students using the 278 will need to get off at Uxbridge County Court if they wish to travel to stops on Kingshill Avenue and Lansbury Drive. To do so they will need to pick up routes 90, 195 and or U7. Those wishing to travel to Yeading Lane can use the 140 or E6 routes from Hayes Town. In the morning, students will need to decide what routes to take so that they can connect to the 697 or the 278 service which will take them to school.

The 278 will follow the 698 route closely as far as the Redmead Road stops R & U on Lower Station Road just south of Hayes Town. If students wish to go to West Drayton and Yiewsley they will need to pick up the U5 in Hayes Town. In the morning students will need to consider which bus to get to ensure that they connect with the 278 or 698 service which will take them to school.

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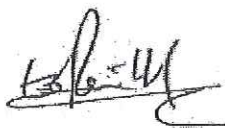
Can I also remind you that students must be in possession of a valid Oyster Travel card to use any of these buses. Students can also use both the U1 and U2 services which can pass close to school. The decisions taken by TfL will cause some inconvenience. Please pass on any comments to them.

They run all of the bus services in London.

The introduction of the 278 route will provide a very convenient service to any student staying behind for any after school activity and will prove useful in time.

Thank you for reading this important letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E O'Reilly', written over a horizontal line.

Mr E O'Reilly
Deputy Headteacher