



Dear Families,

Re: DfE School Bus Service

Across the economy many business and services face staff shortages due to people being directed to isolate, or people being infected with COVID-19. Our Department for Education school bus services will potentially experience similar staff shortages that are occurring in other sectors. In preparation for this we have discussed contingency plans with Willunga Charter, the operators of our school bus service, if they experience a shortage of bus drivers for our school bus routes.

Willunga Charter have assured us that they will do their very best not cancel any of the school bus services if a shortage of drivers occurs.

If the supply of bus drivers is limited and the bus routes need to be managed to accommodate this, the plan is for Willunga Charter to have their drivers take 'back to back' routes as needed. This will mean that a scheduled service may experience some delays while drivers complete a first run and then return on a separate route to collect students for the later services. It is not expected that any delay to pick up times would be greater than 30 minutes.

As the need for the drivers to go into isolation happens without warning, it will be difficult to communicate these changes to families in a timely manner. (i.e. we will not know about the delayed service until the day it occurs).

In the case that changes to pick up times for the service are required, Willunga Charter will notify the school by 7.00am. Our administration team will then communicate these changes to families as soon as they are able.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. van Ruiten".

Anthony van Ruiten