

# Travel advice from Transport for London ahead of some school years restarting on 1st June

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# Advice for Head teachers in all education and childcare settings ahead of 1 June

- ✓ Where possible enable and encourage children [and parents] to walk, cycle or scooter to school to help make space for those who have no alternative but to use public transport.
- ✓ If many of your pupils come to school by bus, you may need to consider staggering your start and finish times to help take the pressure off peak travel times across London (05:45 – 08:15 and 16:00 – 17:30). This is particularly the case in Outer London where bus demand is highest amongst schools with many different classroom groups and large catchment areas.
- ✓ Stagger overlaps with secondary school children to help take the pressure off peak travel times (05:45 – 08:15 and 16:00 – 17:30).
- ✓ Work with your borough to establish a School Street scheme that temporarily closes roads to traffic at the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times to support safer, greener and healthier trips to and from school
- ✓ Reduce the frequency of, or retime, deliveries and servicing trips you require from your suppliers. Toolkits to help can be found at [tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-efficiently](https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-efficiently)
- ✓ Take part in STARS, TfL's community project with over 1500 schools, nurseries and colleges across London. STARS inspires young Londoners to travel sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. Find more info at <https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/>
- ✓ The London Transport Museum will be contacting you separately with an informative video for your Year 6 pupils about active travel and how to use the public transport network safely (including advice about handwashing and facemasks).
- ✓ Find more information and advice on our dedicated webpage, which we will keep updated in the coming weeks. You can find it here <https://tfl.gov.uk/coronavirus>

# Travel advice for children and parents / guardians ahead of 1 June

- ✓ As part of this phased return, walk, cycle or scooter to school where possible, to help make space for those who have no alternative but to use public transport.
- ✓ We have been introducing local improvements in partnership with boroughs to widen footpaths and provide more cycle lanes. You can find out more [here](#).
- ✓ If using public transport, avoid busy interchanges by taking the most direct route. Please plan ahead and allow more time for your journey as travelling at the busiest times may take longer than it would normally.
- ✓ To help you plan your journey please check [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk) where you will find advice and information of how the network will operate differently
- ✓ If using public transport, or taxi and private hire services, please use a facial covering, carry a hand sanitizer and wash your hands before and after you travel.
- ✓ Advice on maintaining social distancing will be given across the transport network and further measures to prevent crowding through new queuing systems will be in operation. Please respect each other's space and try to maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- ✓ Our hardworking staff are there to help: please act on their instructions and respect them at all times.
- ✓ If you have to drive, please plan ahead and obey speed limits and traffic laws at all times. Please plan ahead and allow more time for your journey as travelling at the busiest times may take longer than it would normally.
- ✓ Following the Government funding and financing package announcement for Transport for London to protect key services, we are discussing with government options around temporarily suspending free travel for under 18s. It is a very complicated picture and if changes are made special arrangements would need to be made to ensure children eligible under national legislation to travel to and from school for free are still able to do so. We will seek to provide you with further information on any changes as soon as we have it.