



**Education Resources**  
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**  
**Support Services**

**Our ref:** DH/TRANSPORT /LT  
**Your ref:**

**Date:** 7 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Transport to Strathaven Academy – Stonehouse Area**

You will have now received details from Strathaven Academy of when your child(ren) will return to school.

As you are aware your current home address is not in the catchment area for Strathaven Academy and therefore you are not entitled to free school transport.

Due to COVID-19 there will be an impact on public transport with a significant reduction in capacity to allow your child(ren) to travel to and from school.

This will obviously impact on some families on how you plan to get your child(ren) to school and you will need to plan an alternative going forward which may include; engaging with a private contractor or driving your children and others safely to and from school adhering to government guidance.

We have been contacted by a local bus company, Whitelaw's Coaches who as a goodwill gesture have offered their service at no cost to South Lanarkshire Council or parents for a period of time to allow you to make alternative arrangements to get your child(ren) to school. This would be a designated school bus which would operate from Stonehouse to Strathaven Academy both in the morning and afternoon.

I am sure you will agree that this is a positive outcome during these difficult times for parents and carers and this will assist you whilst you make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

Listed below are details of the proposed times of travel:

### **OUTWARD: Pick up points will be all bus stops in Stonehouse**

#### *Approximate times*

Candermill Road, Stonehouse 0750 hrs  
Stonehouse Cross 0753 hrs  
Udstonmill Road, Stonehouse 0800 hrs  
Common Green, Strathaven 0806 hrs \* Drop-off point will be the bus stop in Common Green

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INWARD **MONDAY & TUESDAY** (school ends 1555 hrs): **Drop off points will be all bus stops in Stonehouse**

*Approximate times*

**Common Green, Strathaven** 1615 hrs \* Pick up point will be the bus stop in Common Green  
**Udstonmill Road, Stonehouse** 1622hrs  
**Stonehouse Cross** 1629 hrs  
**Candermill Road, Stonehouse** 1631 hrs

INWARD **WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY** (school ends 1505 hrs): **Drop off points will be all bus stops in Stonehouse**

*Approximate times*

**Common Green, Strathaven** 1525hrs \* Pick up point will be the bus stop in Common Green  
**Udstonmill Road, Stonehouse** 1532hrs  
**Stonehouse Cross** 1539 hrs  
**Candermill Road, Stonehouse** 1541 hrs

This transport arrangement will remain in place until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September and this will not be extended and you must have alternative arrangements in place by then.

If you are interested in accessing this transport, please email:  
[school\\_transport@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:school_transport@southlanarkshire.gov.uk) as soon as possible but no later than close of business on Monday 10 August 2020.

Please note that if we do not have a response from you by then, you will not be able to access this service.

This option would not be possible without the goodwill and generosity of Whitelaw's coaches.

Yours sincerely



**David Hinshelwood**  
**Support Services Manager**