

## Primary to Secondary – Travelling Safely

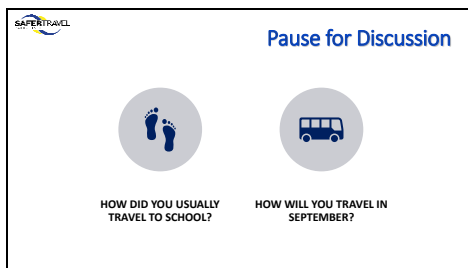
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Safer Travel is a partnership between West Midlands Police, British Transport Police, Transport for West Midlands and transport operators and we all work together to keep passengers and the public transport network safe.

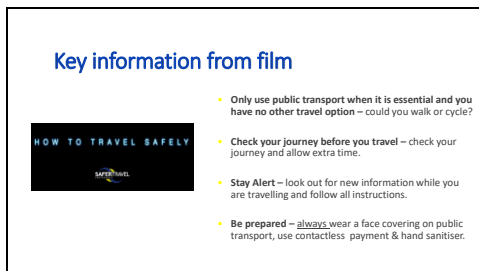
This presentation is for Year 6 primary students who will soon be travelling independently using public transport to secondary school. The presentation explains responsible behaviour, how to keep safe, journey planning to get to your school and how to report any issues. This will give students the confidence to use public transport safely and confidently in September.

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Currently you may walk or cycle to school or be dropped off by parents but in September you may be travelling on your own and using public transport for the first time. Safer Travel are here to make sure you feel confident to travel and know we are working hard to keep you safe.

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Click on picture to YouTube film

### RESOURCES

### Timings

Travelling Safely Bus (social distancing)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwaOX4iCDTg>

Travelling Safely Metro (social distancing)

2:37

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wFwMpeHC0Q>

Getting through stations (social distancing)

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCjtsv4\\_07Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCjtsv4_07Y)

- Be safe and alert.
- Follow the rules.
- Wear a face covering – it is now mandatory. Any face covering – scarf, mask – as long as it covers your mouth and nose.
- Be responsible & respectful, everyone has the right to travel safely.

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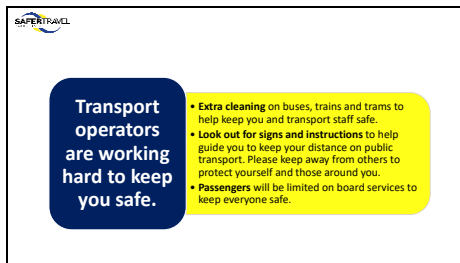
The trams, buses and trains are being cleaned more often to make sure they are safe for drivers, key workers and other people who rely on them.

People who do need to use public transport are being asked to help protect themselves and others by:

- Wearing a face covering
- Keeping a safe distance away from other people
- Washing their hands before and after their journey
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue
- Using contactless payments if possible (rather than change and notes)

In the future, when it is safe to do so, more people will be able to go on buses, trains and trams again. But there may be different rules to follow to make sure everybody can travel safely.

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We are working together to be safe.

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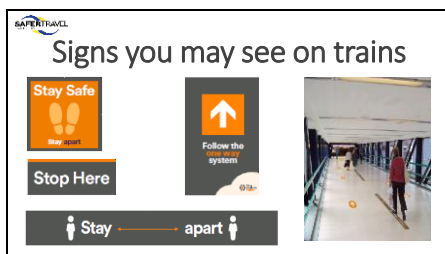


Bus full sign may displayed on front of bus.

Stay safe and stay apart.

You may not be able to sit in all the seats – check the signs.

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The signs are there to keep you safe. Please follow all instructions and advice given.

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Stay safe and stay apart.

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No text number currently, report direct to website. Anti-Social Behaviour Team investigate all issues reported and act accordingly. This is a non-emergency service for reporting any anti-social behaviour e.g. something that has already happened, smoking, bad language, low level anti-social behaviour.

In an emergency always call 999.

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Smoking, bad language, anything that makes your journey unpleasant – report via website – [www.safertravel.info](http://www.safertravel.info)

When a crime is happening, someone is injured, being threatened or in real danger always call 999.

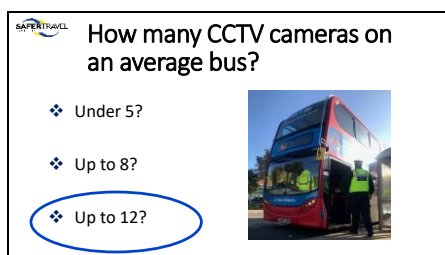
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If someone was shouting, swearing and being aggressive, how would that make the other passengers feel?

Would passengers think a bus covered in graffiti and people smoking was safe to travel on?

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Cameras are all over the bus and also on the outside with high definition pictures. Most buses also have microphones too.

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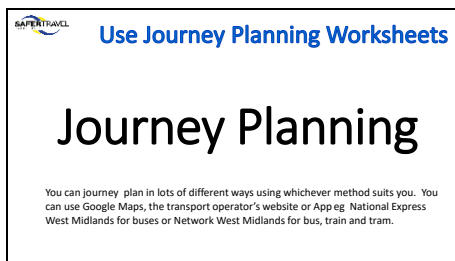


RTCC (Regional Transport Control Centre) – brand new state of the art control room overseeing the public transport network and the key network routes throughout the whole of the West Midlands.

On-board public transport CCTV is recorded by the individual operators which Safer Travel have access to. Once an issue is reported the first thing we will do is look at the CCTV.

There are cameras onboard public transport, some bus stops, bus stations, train stations, Metro stops, car parks and along many West Midlands high streets.

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### Knowledge Check

How do you stop a bus?

*Put your arm out. (Lots of buses go to one bus stop so won't stop unless you signal to them).*

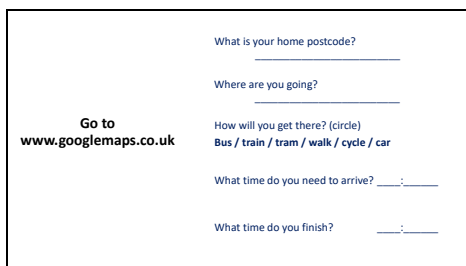
How to pay?

*Swift card, bus pass, contactless. Buses do not give out change and are not encouraging cash fares at the moment due to Covid-19 guidelines.*

How to check if it is your bus?

*Check the bus number on the front of the bus.  
Check return journey, last bus, train or tram times using an app or website.*

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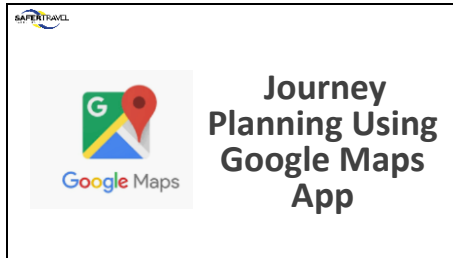


Information needed for journey planning, please complete so we have all the details we need to plan a journey. You can plan a journey to anywhere you wish to travel to. What would your journey look like if you were going to:-

- Cadbury World
- Sealife Centre
- Watch the football at West Bromwich Football ground.
- Coventry Transport Museum.

Explore Google Earth and have a look at your new school in detail.

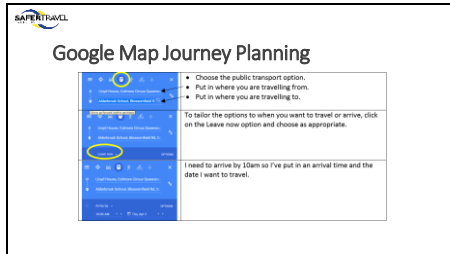
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Journey planning example on Google Maps App – timing  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlpvfxZQj50&feature=youtu.be> or click on Google Maps picture.

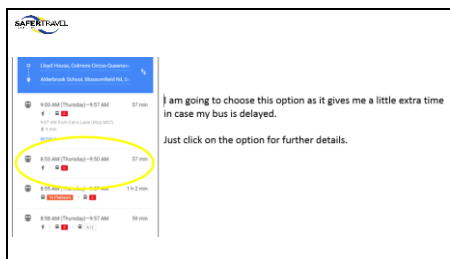
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Open the app or use the website. This is what a journey will look like.

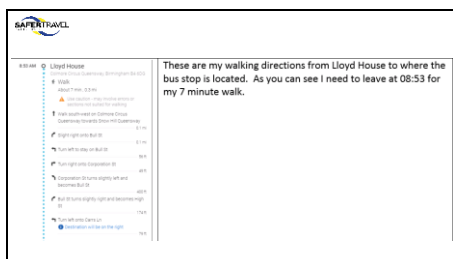
All the information is easy to read and once you have completed where you want to go and how you want to travel it will give you lots of options to travel.

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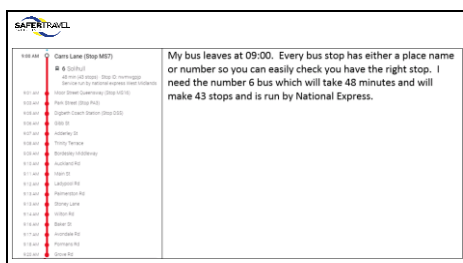
Choose the option that gets you to your destination for the time you need to be there.

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The journey plan will give me handy step by step walking instructions and the time I need to leave to get to the stop in time for my bus.

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This is the time my bus should be due, where the bus stop is and the name of the bus stop (every bus stop is named). All the stops are listed so you can check you are going the right way.

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You can also check the bus stops as you go past. Make a note of the name of the stop before the stop where you want to get off. Press the bell as soon as the bus moves away from the stop before yours.

Press bell once you move away from the penultimate stop.

At Dingle Lane get off the bus and following the walking directions.

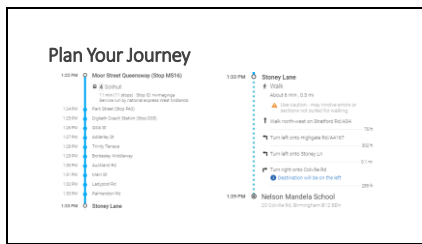
Remember you either need a pass or the right money as buses will not give out change.

Remember to journey plan the return trip too!

At Charles Road bus stop I will ring the bell and prepare to get off the bus.


Once at Dingle Lane I will get off the bus and then follow my walking instructions. Before I start my journey, I could have a look a Google Earth too just to check my walking route and where the entrance to the school is.

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- [www.google.co.uk/maps/](http://www.google.co.uk/maps/)
- You just need to know the address/postcode of your starting point
- The address/postcode of your new school (or wherever else you are visiting).
- How you want to travel – walk, cycle, public transport or car.

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**After planning your journey...**

What time should you leave the house? \_\_\_\_\_


How long is your journey? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you remember to check your return journey? \_\_\_\_\_

If it is helpful, print out your journey or use your mobile phone.



Once you have a travelled a couple of times, the journey will be easy for you, so it is a good idea to practice your journey.

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**Pause for Discussion**

**Why shouldn't we distract the driver!**

The driver needs to concentrate on the busy roads we have in the West Midlands. The driver should never have to stop the bus or take his eyes off the road to deal with any incidents.

Please remember when travelling that the driver is there to get you to and from your destination safely please don't do anything that distracts the driver, damages the bus or causes the bus to be late.

What kind of behaviour might distract your driver?

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**Passenger Code of Conduct**

Transport Operators have the discretion to deny travel for anti-social behaviour

**Always:-**

- Wait at the bus stop/station in a sensible manner
- Ensure you have the means to travel – a valid ticket/pass or the correct change
- Act safely and responsibly when travelling
- Co-operate with staff, treat them and other passengers with respect
- Ensure you are the only person to hear your music
- Pick up all your litter and have respect for property
- Respect other passengers' property and space

**See Something Say Something**

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All the behaviours you show at school – being respectful to people and property, please continue this great behaviour on your journeys to and from school.

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These are all the behaviours that are not acceptable in school or on public transport. These behaviours are taken very seriously by the transport operators and Safer Travel, they are not acceptable and there will always be consequences to students who can't behave responsibly when using public transport.

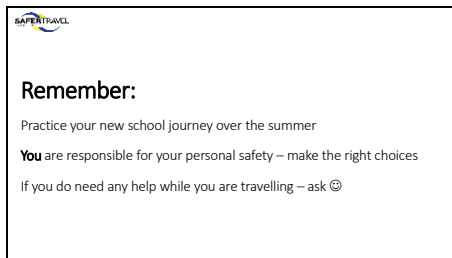
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Off-peak is usually between 10:00– 16:00 and after 19:00 and is a less busy time to travel. You can open a window to ensure there is fresh air circulation. At this time, never stand on the bus, if there is no seat available please travel on the next bus.

- Allow extra time for travelling & travel off-peak if you can.
- Check your journey before you travel, carry a face covering, hand sanitiser & contactless form of payment.
- Keep the required safe distance away from others.
- Public transport will be carrying less passengers and might be too full for you to travel – look out for BUS FULL signs and allow passengers to get off before you try to get on public transport.
- If you can, sit in a window seat, leaving the seats in front and behind empty. Some seats will be labelled out of use.

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Practicing your journey over the summer will ensure you are confident to travel. Also sort out your method of payment – bus pass? Swift Card? Visit the transport operator's website or <https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/> for more information.

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Your driver, conductor is there to help if you need it, but please keep a safe distance when asking for help.

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