



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Public Transport and Life Skills**

We are now fortunate enough to have a regular bus service in operation outside the school campus. As we develop and embed lifelong learning into our curriculum we would like to begin to use the local bus service to provide students with knowledge and skills for wider life experiences.

Where possible we will begin to use public transport to teach aspects of the following skills:

- Getting on and off a bus (one to two stops initially as needed)
- Using a travel card/payment
- Sitting with friends/others
- Travelling to a destination; local shop, town centre, local park
- Planning a route
- Travelling safely

Transport for London (TfL) currently offers young people travel concessions through the 'Zip Oyster' Card scheme. This travel card enables them to travel on buses for free.

To develop student's independence and the understanding of how to use travel cards and public transport we would ask that parents/carers must apply for an Oyster Zip card by visiting [www.tfl.gov.uk/zip](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/zip) in order for your child to access the essential skills which will lead to accreditation.

We appreciate that this comes at a fee but hope you will support us in recognising the benefits this will have to your child. If you need any support with accessing the site or applying for a travel card please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Once you have applied for or received your travel card please let your class team know so arrangements for trips and outings can be arranged.

We appreciate your support in providing an inclusive and lifelong learning for your child and our students.

Kind regards,

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