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Dear colleague

Re: School Transport

I hope that you are keeping safe and well and I am contacting you regarding the Government's recent statement about some year groups possibly returning to school from 1 June 2020 at the earliest.

A key component of this is transport. This is a hugely complex area where the capacity of transport has been dramatically reduced. For example, a 73-seater bus will now have a maximum capacity of 16 and a 53-seater coach will have a capacity reduced to a maximum of 10. We recognise that many schools are keen to secure transport and we are already working with transport providers to determine the capacity they have available. We already know that there is no additional capacity available and each transport provider serves multiple routes rather than an individual school.

In the meantime, rather than contacting the council's transport team, we will be in touch with you as soon as we can, to outline the capacity which transport providers have available for your school.

Yours sincerely

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