

Our ref AEB/dg

3 July 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

Improvement to school bus service from Radcliffe and Little Lever with two school services operating to and from The Derby High School

I am very pleased to inform you that following lengthy discussions with TfGM the school bus service to your area from our school will be much improved as from 1 September 2014.

The improvements will be as follows:

TfGM will be taking strenuous steps to ensure the 799 bus is reliable. Rossendale Transport have acknowledged the problems suffered throughout the year and will be giving this route priority acknowledging our request for a regular driver on this bus route.

An **additional** bus on a new route will operate from September. The bus number will be 790 and the route will be as follows: commencing Market Street, Little Lever – Bradley Fold – Coronation/Turks Road – Radcliffe Bus Station – War Memorial – Metrolink – Top o'th Cross and dropping off directly on Radcliffe Road opposite The Derby High School.

Both buses will run at the stated times, morning and afternoon, providing a much better service to Radcliffe and Little Lever.

We are oversubscribed for Year 7 September 2014 and TfGM recognise that we need an efficient and reliable service for our students.

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I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those parents who returned our questionnaire on the bus service to your area. We had an excellent response. Your comments were compiled (anonymously) into a document for TfGM which left them in no doubt that the present service is not adequate.

I would also like to thank Councillor N Bayley who felt we presented a more than reasonable case and supported our discussions with TfGM who have worked hard to find a reliable solution.

Finally I do urge all parents to ensure that the service is used. TfGM will continue both buses as long as they are well utilised.

Please find enclosed:

- Bus timetable: please check the new times for next year
- Newsletter

If you have any further queries, please contact office team members, Mrs J Shepherd or Mr D Langford on 0161 764 1819.

Yours sincerely

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