

**16.05.22**

**Reference: KS4/5 Parental Communication**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you will be aware, Translink bus drivers have voted to take industrial action. This will result in **all Translink bus services being withdrawn from Tuesday 17th May to Monday 23rd May 2022 inclusive**, with significant disruption likely to be caused to the education sector as a whole. This will be particularly significant for those students sitting public examinations in Years 11-14.

1: Parents/Guardians are advised ***to make every effort to put in place alternative transport arrangements***. You may consider organising a carpool, or if your child lives relatively close to the school, encourage them to walk. *Please be advised that we anticipate a marked increase in traffic and that Magherafelt already experiences traffic congestion issues, therefore, allow as much extra time as possible for journeys.*

2: In order to facilitate working parents, the college will open at the earlier time of 8:00am to facilitate drop off for all pupils if this is necessary. The canteen will be open during this time for breakfast. The school day will end as normal at 3:25pm.

3: Supervised study will be available for Year 11-14 students who are sitting examinations and need to come in prior to the start time of an afternoon exam or to remain in school after a morning examination. This facility will be available until 3:25pm. In order to allow us to organise supervision **parents must phone the college to inform us if they wish to avail of this facility.**

**If a Year 11-14 student is due to sit an examination this week and no means of transport is available, it is vital that parents contact the school at the earliest possible opportunity.**

We understand that this is a difficult time and we will endeavour to keep you informed if and when the situation changes.

Yours Sincerely,



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