

Christmas Flooding and Tadcaster Bridge Collapse

Our thoughts to all of those in the school and wider community who have been affected by the terrible flooding over the holidays. The collapse of the bridge on Tuesday 29th December will of course cause complications for those coming to Riverside from the East side of town. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 5th January. Riverside is very fortunate in not having been directly affected.

For those coming from the West/closer to school:

If you do live close enough to walk over the coming days and weeks then please consider doing so to help alleviate traffic around the school site.

For those coming from the East of town:

NYCC have now organised transportation for Riverside pupils.

This is for pupils only and will collect pupils from Auster Bank and opposite the Leeds Arms, dropping at Riverside where our school staff will chaperone them into the building. A member of school staff will also ride on each bus as escort. At the close of school, pupils will be escorted to the bus, belts secured and pupils again escorted back to drop off points.

The timetable is as follows:

Morning run	Time	Collection point	Detail
	8.25am	Auster Bank	At bus stop
	8.25am	Leeds Arms	Opposite side to Leeds Arms
	8.45am	Dropped at school	
Afternoon run	3.30pm	Collection from school	
	3.45pm	Auster Bank	Bus stop
	3.45pm	Leeds Arms	

Pupils must use the same stop each day, morning and evening, so that school staff can properly register/ensure safe handover to parents.

Parents MUST be prompt for the above timings - the bus will not wait for late arrivals in the morning and in the evenings school staff need to ensure every child is handed over properly before the bus can continue it's journey.

NB a SEPARATE, smaller bus will be in operation at the same times for our nursery pupils and those pupils attending St Joseph's. Nursery pupils are allowed to use this transport if parents are satisfied that their child will be safe and happy on the bus transport. Again, a member of Riverside staff will chaperone with nursery pupils. I would like to keep all nursery pupils

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together and as such I am afraid that nursery pupils will be travelling separate to any siblings. Unfortunately, there is no provision available for lunchtime transportation and as such if your child attends either morning only nursery or afternoon only nursery, then I am afraid that the lunchtime journey is parental responsibility eg. if morning only, your nursery child could travel to school on the bus, but would require collection at lunchtime.

I would urge all families to make use of this free transport offer from NYCC, to ensure that is maintained as an offer and also to reduce the amount of traffic around school.

Additional notes:

A member of school staff will be on duty outside in the courtyard/playground areas (or in the hall if wet) from 8.20am as we anticipate that families will need to change morning routines to facilitate children being on time to school and still getting to work etc.

Similarly, whilst things settle down, I am allowing staff discretion with regard 'late marks' on registers for those families affected.

Wherever you are travelling from, if you are coming by car, please do not expect to get onto/near to the site as usual, as I am sure the surrounding area will be even more busy than normal. Please be sensitive to our neighbours and ensure safety is paramount at all times. If you can manage to car share that will help alleviate congestion.

If you would like to discuss any of the contents of this letter then please ring through to the School Office on 01937 832899

Thank you.

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