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Dear families

School bus services from September 2024

Before Christmas I wrote to you regarding Coventry City Council's intention to remove the funding for Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School's bus services from September 2024. This would impact:

- The Number 50 Bus
- The Number 60 Bus (expanded capacity to be removed)
- The Number 48 Bus
- The Number 40 Bus
- The Number 49 Bus

This proposal is currently under review with the council and they are requesting views from invested parties on the funding decisions being made.

You can access the consultation here:

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/budget24-25>

I would strongly suggest families who use the school bus services respond to the consultation as it will help to communicate parental concerns regarding safe travel.

In addition, parents have set up a petition in support of maintaining the bus services. This can be found here:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=469&RPID=23920454&HPID=23920454&fclid=IwAR1DiuoznkJM4WXwnpSJOI15RAQnE4Qze0W3wuaAnJA--RB4nYCYHCA3wYc>

As a school we are extremely concerned about the impact the removal of this service will have on our young people. Currently 300 children use the school bus services daily with another 400 children accessing public bus services. Many students often have to wait up to an hour after school to access the public buses. In September this will include the additional 300 children trying to access already overwhelmed public bus routes. Therefore, any action we can take now as a community to try to preserve these services in some capacity is essential.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or your local councillor.

Yours sincerely

Mr Billings
Headteacher



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