

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, after many years, it is disappointing to have to inform you that due to many pressures on the transport industry, our current provider of the UCC1, 2 and 3 will no longer be able to offer these services from September 2022.

Like many services, this industry has faced numerous challenges and there remains a high degree of uncertainty going forward. Many coach drivers have transferred across to the haulage industry and recruitment of new drivers has been difficult. New legislation has required statutory changes to vehicles and the considerable increase in the price of fuel has had an enormous impact.

Since learning of this news, we have contacted many other companies to continue offering this service and at this time, we have two coach companies who have expressed an interest. However, as I am sure you will appreciate for the reasons already given, the cost of this service will sadly have to increase.

To determine the viability of these services from next year, we now need to obtain some information from you and assess the level of interest. Following this, we can provide you with the certainty on whether the routes will/not operate and an exact cost. As an indication, the annual cost is expected to be between £995 and £1,095.

Please could you complete the form using the link below to register your interest in a place on one of these services for your child from September 2022.

The form will open at 6pm on Wednesday 11th May and close at midnight on Sunday 22nd May, 2022.

[UCC1, 2 and 3 Registration Form](#)

A copy of the bus routes and timetable (subject to change) is enclosed for your information.

In previous years, the services have been extremely popular and places allocated on a first come, first served basis and to those requiring full time travel. Please remember to complete the form for each child requiring a permit.

Once all the information has been gathered, we will be able to advise further and hope to do this as soon as possible after we return from the May half term break.

If the services are viable, we will send out further details of the Terms & Conditions, confirmation of the cost and request for a deposit. As we have in previous years, we hope to be able to offer a small discount for anyone wishing to pay for the whole amount by 30th September and a payment plan for those wishing to spread the cost across the year. Acknowledging the increase in cost however, we would extend the payment terms from six to eight equal monthly instalments (Sept'22 to April'23).

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department via email: finance@ucc.rutland.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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