



10th March 2022

Dear Parents

645 Mornington Bus Service

We have been contacted this week by Skills (who operate the Mornington Bus service on our behalf) to advise us that as a result of the ongoing events in the Ukraine and unprecedented rising fuel prices that they have no alternative but to substantially increase the price of their service. They have informed us that the cost of fuel in September was £1.00 a litre and from next week it will be £2.00 a litre.

As you will already be aware at the start of the COVID pandemic, Nottinghamshire County Council withdrew the option to pay by cash upon boarding buses as part of their Health and Safety protocols and therefore The Kimberley School issued bus passes upon receipt of ParentPay contributions for travel. Any shortfall in payments since that time have been **heavily subsidised** by the school and this cannot be sustained along with the surcharge that we are now facing.

As a result, we regret that we have no alternative but to reintroduce the 'pay as you board' and implement the [standard Nottinghamshire Bus Charges](#) of £2.00 per single journey and £3.00 per return with effect from **Monday 14th March**. We will continue to subsidise any shortfall in the income that the bus company has as a result of running this service.

Please note if you have prepaid for your child's journey via ParentPay for the remainder of this month or term refunds will be processed accordingly.

We apologise for the short notice of this decision but hope that you will appreciate that the school can no longer subsidise the bus journeys to the extent that we have been doing since March 2020 as well as the bear the increased cost of this service.

Yours faithfully

Kirsty Andrews
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