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Dear parents and carers,

As schools go back it's the perfect time to think about your travel options – could your children walk, cycle or scoot to school?

To support the safe return of children to school and college we are urging those who can walk, cycle or scoot to consider this to keep Leicestershire moving and help control coronavirus.

We know that this will not be an option for everyone and that some children will need to be driven to school. Where walking, cycling and scooting is not possible we would encourage parents to park with care away from the school gates.

Some schools have set up 'park and stride' sites – that's where those who need to travel by car are able to park up away from schools in quieter areas and then walk with their children for the remainder of the journey. Where possible take advantage of any local 'park and stride' facilities to avoid parking at the school gate as this will help social distancing measures to be followed.

Please keep your distance when travelling to school and in busy areas like the school gates to help keep Leicestershire safe.

For top tips on travel advice visit [www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk).

If your child is eligible for home to school transport more information can be found at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport). In line with advice from Public Health England, from the autumn term, we recommend that children wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport.

Please be aware that when traveling by public transport it is mandatory for those over the age of 11 to wear face coverings (exemptions apply) and social distancing must be followed. For full guidance on travelling by public transport please visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#face-coverings](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#face-coverings).

Please also find enclosed a letter from public transport operator Arriva advising on the measures they have put in place to support the reopening of schools and colleagues.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support to reduce the spread of coronavirus in our communities, and wish your children a happy return to school.

Kind regards,