



# THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **School Buses 2020-21**

I am writing to clarify a number of issues regarding bus travel for your child to and from The Thomas Lord Audley School from September 2020.

If you live outside a three mile radius from the School you are entitled to a free bus pass however you **must** apply for this via link below as it is **not** sent automatically. However, other criteria are applied to determine your eligibility for a free pass in addition to this rule. This will allow the Assessment and Awards Team to make the decision based on their wide-ranging criteria.

If you are unsure whether there is a local bus available which can transport your child to school I suggest you ring the number below and state your case.

You can apply on-line at: [www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Travel-School/Pages/Mainstream-Secondary-School.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Travel-School/Pages/Mainstream-Secondary-School.aspx). You can also email them at [educationawards@essex.gov.uk](mailto:educationawards@essex.gov.uk)

If you prefer you can ring Essex County Council for a paper application form on:

**0345 603 2200** and ask for the Assessment and Awards Team. They will send you the appropriate application form. You may also apply over the phone on this number.

The Mersea contract is currently managed by Heddingham Buses where they run two bus routes. Passes are sent out by the operators and the allocated route and pick up point should be shown in this letter.

Students who will travel to and from the school from Fingringhoe, Rowhedge and Langenhoe the buses are managed by First & Heddingham. These are public buses, so any person can pay to travel on them.

Please note:-

- You are unlikely to receive your bus pass until the end of August;
- If you do not have it by then ring Essex County Council on the above number;
- It is advisable to apply for your bus pass as soon as possible. If you do not have a pass you will have to pay for the journey.

If you are not eligible for a free bus pass it may still be cheaper to buy a bus pass. To do this you might find it useful to consult the above website, ring the above number or contact the operator directly.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues with me please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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