



Repton School

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### **Early Years Bus Transportation**

Dear Parents,

Changes to the law regarding the transportation of young children on school buses have recently been made.

The law now allows children as young as 4 years old to travel by school bus.

Repton School applauds the authorities in encouraging as many pupils as possible to use school transport services and supports and encourages parents to make use of the service offered STS, the bus providers contracted by the school.

However, parents should also be aware that school buses are not required to provide booster seats nor three point, five point or harness style safety belts recommended for younger children. Therefore we would encourage parents to carefully consider whether use of the school bus for children age 5 and under is in the best interests of their child.

The safety and well-being of our pupils remains our priority. While we do not recommend that children aged 5 and under use the bus service, we respect the right of parents to make their own decisions as to whether they do so.

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