

Passenger Transport
Westland Road
Leeds
LS11 5SB

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Unite strike action affecting passenger transport services – Friday 9 January

It is with regret that we write to inform you that despite our best efforts over the last 12 months the Unite union has called their members working on the council's Passenger Transport services on strike action this Friday (9 January).

This may result in disruption to or cancellation of some school transport services. As not all our staff are members of Unite, they will be delivering as much of the service as possible on the day.

The strike affects Leeds City Council staff only. Although we aim to prioritise SEND and Looked After Children transportation at this time we are not able to provide accurate details as to exactly who will be affected. As such:

- Passengers travelling on Leeds City Council vehicle/ minibuses may be affected.
- Passengers travelling on Private Hire vehicles with a Leeds City Council Passenger Assistant may be affected.
- All passengers in a private hire vehicle with a privately employed Passenger Assistant will NOT be affected and will continue as normal.

Whilst we are making every effort to calculate the impact that this will have on the service and make any alternative arrangements, we do not know how many staff will take part in the strike action. We are continuing to work with the trade unions to address their concerns and hopefully cancel any proposed strike action.

This Friday (9 January) is the first proposed date for strike action and would affect both journeys to and from school. Further proposed dates include:

- Friday 16 January
- Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January
- Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January
- Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 February
- Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 February
- Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 February
- Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 February

As a result, we are currently unable to guarantee that we will be able to provide transportation services on that day for your child.

If you can make other arrangements to get your child to and from school, please do so, and let us know by contacting csd.passengers@leeds.gov.uk or calling the depot on 0113 3760100 and selecting option 1. This will enable us to redirect our resources to others. The schools are aware of this strike action and recognise that there may be some disruption.

Alternatively, you may prefer to see if transport arrives on the day, however we cannot guarantee this as we do not know which members of staff will be on strike on the day. We will have additional resources on duty to help manage communication.

After the first strike day we will have a better understanding of the numbers of staff involved in the strike action and will contact you again to advise how you may be affected by any future strike action over the coming weeks.

Should anything change, we will contact you as soon as we can. Please send any concerns via email to csd.passengers@leeds.gov.uk or call the depot on 0113 3760100 and select option 1 and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

Please be assured that we understand that uncertainty and disruption has an impact on your children and we are doing all we can to support your child's transport needs at this time.

Yours sincerely

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