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**Your ref:**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICE - 723H**

I wrote to you on 20 February 2015 to advise you that, following the renewal of school transport in the Harrogate area, the above service would be operated by Abbots of Leeming but the service would remain unchanged.

The service is contracted by the Council to carry pupils who are entitled to free home to school transport. We agreed some time ago, for Dodsworth Coaches to operate a 70 seat bus on this route, incorporating additional stops on a commercial basis, to accommodate fare paying pupils who were not entitled to free transport. This was agreed on the basis that fares could only be taken using the spare seats once the permits holders had been accommodated.

Abbots were successful with their tender to provide a bus for the entitled pupils from April 2015 and in order to maintain a service for the fare payers we asked them if they would consider providing a 70 seat bus and continue with part of the service Commercially as Dodsworth Coaches had done previously.

Whilst Abbots agreed to do this, there have been some occasions at the start of term where there have not been enough seats for all pupils wishing to pay a fare. Abbots do not have buses bigger than 70 seats, so to alleviate this problem in the short term the Council has been providing some additional capacity along the route so that pupils are not left behind.

You are no doubt aware that the Council does not have responsibility to provide transport for pupils who are not entitled to free home to school transport under our policy. However, to give parents time to make alternative arrangements we have agreed to continue providing additional capacity until 22 May 2015.

From this date Abbots will operate a 70 seat bus and will accommodate as many fares as they have spare seats for, but we wanted to make parents aware that there may be occasions when your child is not able to access this bus service and you may need to find alternative arrangements for your child to get to school.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Moseley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'N' and a long, sweeping underline.

Nicky Moseley  
School Transport Officer