

# The Buzz

## 18th June 2021



Brighstone C.E.  
Primary School

Learning and Achieving Through  
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, I think we have experienced four seasons in one day throughout the whole week! We have had rain, wind, sun (but luckily not snow...) this week, which has been perfect news for our gardens, but let's hope that the weather dries up soon. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather today, the **Bikeability** session for Y5 and Y6 has been postponed to Monday 28th June.

Following the news in last week's Buzz that parents are allowed to attend **sports day**, we have since been notified, by Public Health England and the Local Authority, of an increase in positive cases of the Delta variant in the South East, leading to more people having to self-isolate for 10 days after being contacted by Test and Trace. Therefore, to minimise this risk in our own setting, to you and to the wider community, we have had to make the difficult decision to say that, unfortunately, parents are now not able to attend sports day. Please see further information further on in this Buzz. We apologise for any inconvenience.



On this note, I would like to remind everyone to ensure that a **2m distance** is maintained when entering the school site at drop off and collection times, and that face coverings are worn when entering the school foyer.



As you know, we received a visit from **Ofsted** on 27th May as part of their summer programme of monitoring inspections. You will have received an email from the school today with a letter and the report, which states that, at Brighstone, 'Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school'. There are many positives, which we are delighted were recognised by the inspector, Shazia Akram. We also have a clear direction for our next steps on our journey together, and we look forward to working with you all as part of our school community to continue to make Brighstone Primary School a place where everyone is enabled to thrive and flourish in their own unique way!

This week has been **Active Travel** week, and I have been thrilled to see so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, ensuring a positive, energetic start to the school day. Well done to you all and keep it up!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend (keep dry!) and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



## Collective Worship: Respect

This week's Collective Worship focus is:

### Remembering to pray for others

We talked about the meaning of the word 'respect' and what it means to us. We had lots of really good ideas!

We read the following poem. Which line means more to you and why?

Respect is...  
Readiness to listen  
Everyone being valued  
Showing appreciation  
Praying for people  
Expressing opinions sensitively  
Caring for our environment  
Treating property carefully

We can help and support those who are important to us in lots of ways.

One of those ways is to pray for them. We learnt how to pray using the hand prayer.



#### The Hand Prayer

Look at your thumb; it is closest to you.  
It can remind you to pray for your friends and family.

Look at your index finger; we use it to point the way.  
It can remind us to pray for the people who guide and teach us, people like our parents and carers, and the staff in school.

Look at your middle finger; it is the tallest and can remind you to pray for world leaders and politicians who make important decisions in the world.

Look at your fourth finger; it is the weakest of all the fingers and can remind you to pray for those in need. They may be people you know who are poorly or sad or perhaps people you've heard about from the news who are living in war zones or are facing famine or coping with another type of disaster.

Finally, look at your little finger; it can remind you to remember to pray for yourself. God loves you and wants the very best for you.



Write a hand prayer. Draw around your hand and, in each finger, write a line for different people. It could be to say thank you, or to hope for something for them.



"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Matthew 7.12



## School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Sausages	Roast Chicken	Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Soya Bolognaise	Veggie Sausages	Veggie Wellington	Lentil Whirl	Cheese Frittata
Dessert	Sponge cake	Yoghurt and Fruit	Cheese & Crackers	Pineapple Cake	Cookie

## Poetry Corner

### Cabbage-Bite

FIND LEAF  
EAT LEAF  
LEAF MEAL  
PIECEMEAL  
LEAVELEAF  
ALL HOLE

Geoffrey Summerfield



Here is a small selection of poems about animals from the book of nature poems called 'I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree'.



### Worm words

"Keep still!"  
said Big Worm  
to Little Worm.  
"You're driving me  
round the bend."

"Don't be daft,"  
said Little Worm.  
"I'm your other end."

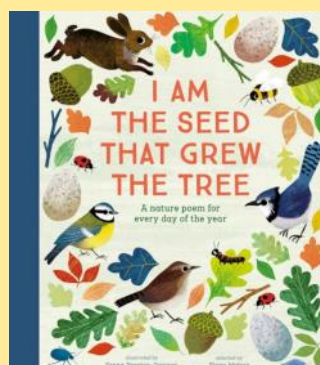
Tony Mitten



### Mr Snail

Quaint and quirky, never quick,  
Mother Nature's glue-stick,  
Hard shell, tacky tail,  
Glue the garden, Mr Snail.

Celia Warren



### Cat

White as silk  
the moon looks down at my cat.  
My cat looks back  
and ponders the leap.

Brian Morse

# Golden Awards

<b>Ainslie</b>	Kieran & Meadow - for great work in Maths. Charlotte - for joining in well with Speed Sounds
<b>Lambert</b>	Dan - for super writing. Charlotte - for trying hard in English. Izzy & Poppy J - for great Geography work
<b>Robertson</b>	Max Ba - for very good listening and participation in Science. Jack T - for excellent Maths work
<b>Macarthur</b>	Jasmine - for her clever comments in Science
<b>Clover</b>	Sienna - for the effort she put into her place value work in Maths
<b>Sports Bee</b>	Charlie (Ainslie) - for demonstrating great focus and showing brilliant batting skills during cricket in PE.

### Whole school dates

Thursday 24th June—Class photos  
Monday 28th June - Year 5&6 Bikeability  
Monday 5th July - School CLOSED - Development Day  
W/C Monday 5th July—Reports going home  
W/C Monday 12th July—Optional parent telephone consultations  
Tuesday 20th July—Sports Day  
Friday 23rd July—Last day of this academic year

### Doodle



Well done to **Lambert class** who are the top Doodlers this week!

Well done to Alice in Ainslie class for receiving her award for the Spring Challenge

## Wellbeing Window



### How can food affect mood?

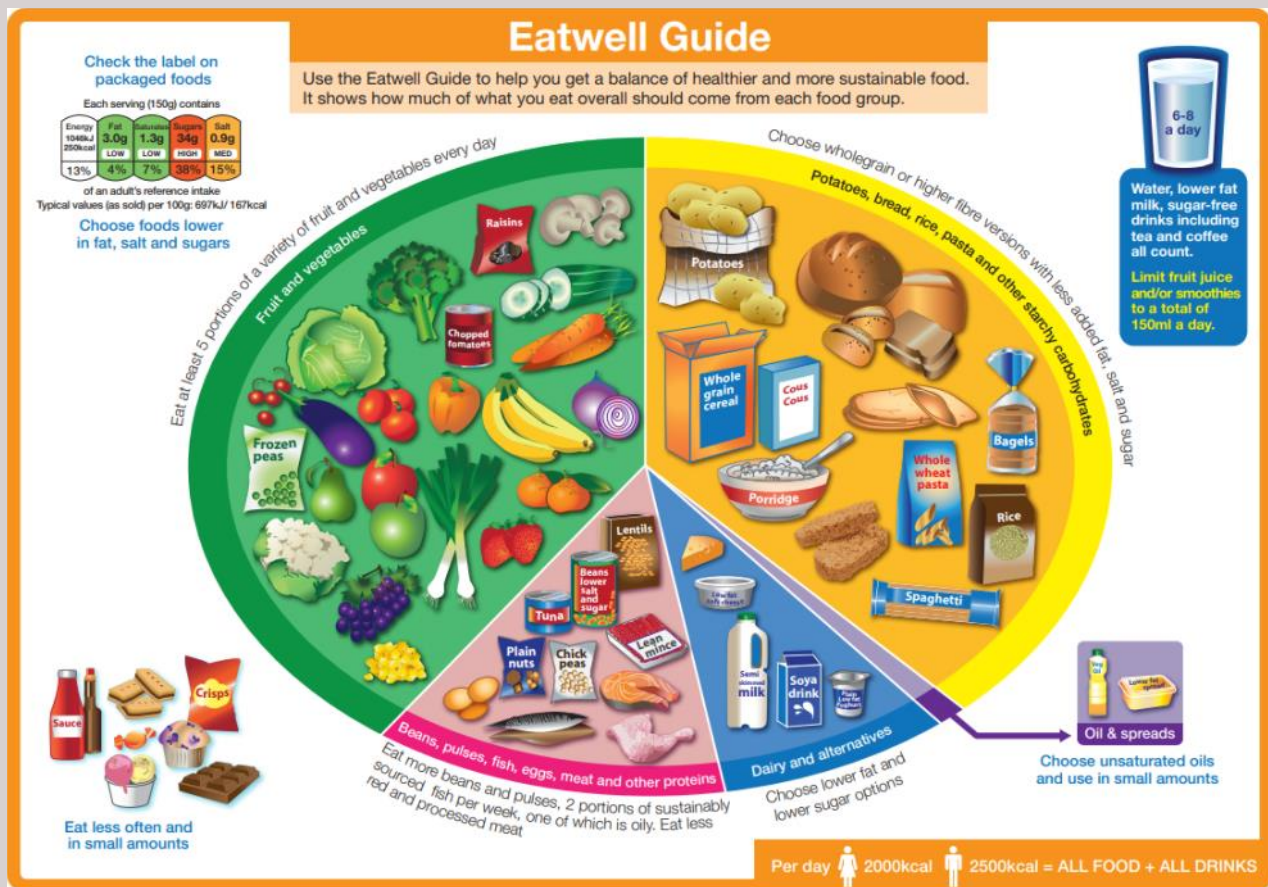
Knowing what foods we should and shouldn't be eating can be really confusing, especially when it feels like the advice changes regularly. However, evidence suggests that as well as affecting our physical health, what we eat may also affect the way we feel. Improving your diet may help to:

- ◇ improve your mood
- ◇ give you more energy
- ◇ help you think more clearly

### Quick Tips

- ◇ **Eating breakfast** gets the day off to a good start. Food fuels the brain, making learning easier for children!
- ◇ Instead of eating a large lunch and dinner, try eating smaller portions spaced out more regularly throughout the day
- ◇ Avoid foods which make your blood sugar rise and fall rapidly, such as sweets, biscuits, sugary drinks, and alcohol (for adults!)

More information can be found by clicking the link: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/food-and-mood/about-food-and-mood/>



Don't cut out food groups; aim to make healthier choices to benefit body and mind.



# Staying safe online

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

## 1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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## PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

## 3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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## THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.



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## MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the Internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.



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#WakeUpWednesday

## 9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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## REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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## DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

## 8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



## 9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



## Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



# News from the BSA



Thank you so much for all of the wonderful donations for the summer sizzle raffle hampers!

## Round the Island Relay Race

This year's race against Nine Acres Primary School will take place on **September 25th**.

If you would like to take part, please message Lucy Brodie on 07950 030318 to express your interest.

Sections from 1 mile are available. This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for the BSA. For more information please contact Lucy or speak to Melissa Jones.

A huge thank you to Lucy for offering to coordinate the race even though she will no longer be involved with the BSA in September.



**CAN YOU GROW THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER?**

Children will be bringing home a sunflower seedling that they have sowed at school in readiness for the competition.

**TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

1st Prize - £30 Garden Centre Voucher  
2nd Prize - £15 Garden Centre Voucher

closing date 30th august 2021.

winner to be announced 3rd september 2021.

Send your photos with measurements to the BSA email: [brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com](mailto:brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com) or post photos on our Facebook page.

**BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**



# Sport

## Active Travel Week

It has been great to see lots of children and parents taking part in Active Travel Week (even in the rain today!) and we finished our week with a visit from Ross from Shift-It, who spoke to Years 5 & 6 about the benefits of travelling actively, both for the individual and for the wider environment.

We would love to see people continue to travel actively to and from school, and we have held back a number of Golden Tickets which are going to be handed out across the rest of term to people who continue to do so.

If your child finds a Golden Ticket, they need to take it to Mr Goldsmith who will transfer it for a prize!



## Covid-19 and Sports Day—Update



In last week's Buzz we stated that parents are able to attend school sports days, following guidance from the Department for Education. However, we have been made aware of an increase in NHS Test and Trace notifications across the island where people have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, resulting in more people having to self-isolate for 10 days. Here is the advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority:

*"Public Health England (PHE) is seeing an increasing number of positive COVID-19 Delta cases (variant first identified in India) in schools and educational settings. This variant is more transmissible than the Alpha (variant first identified in Kent/UK) and other variants, and is now the most common type of COVID-19 in England.*

*To support swifter case finding and contact tracing for COVID-19 cases and help control the spread of the Delta variant, PHE is now recommending that, in the South East, close contacts of PCR positive individuals take a voluntary PCR test through NHS Test and Trace on day 5 of their 10-day isolation period, even if they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.*

*Please note that if a close contact undertakes a voluntary PCR test on day 5 of their 10-day isolation period, and tests negative for the virus, they must still complete 10 full days of self-isolation. This is because the incubation period of the virus means they could develop coronavirus after receiving a negative test result if it's within the 10 days - voluntary PCR testing on day 5 therefore gives close contacts' households the best chance of minimising the possible risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. It is important to remember that as many as 1 in 3 people with coronavirus have no symptoms."*

**Therefore, to help minimise the spread of the Delta variant, and to minimise the risk of people being contacted by Test and Trace and therefore having to self-isolate for 10 days, we have made the difficult decision to say that, unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend sports day. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience.**

**HAVE YOUR SMILES READY...  
...IT'S SCHOOL PHOTO TIME!**

Thursday 24th June 2021 at 09:00am



Be dressed and ready for Photo Day!

Make sure you bring your best smile!

Every child is photographed for our school records.

### How it works...



On the day or shortly afterwards, your child will bring home an access code



Log-in, view your images and get creative using our simple photo editing tools



Order by your deadline to take advantage of timed-discounts



Share your code with family and friends



Don't forget! We will deliver your order to your preferred address free of charge!



'Effortless School Photography'



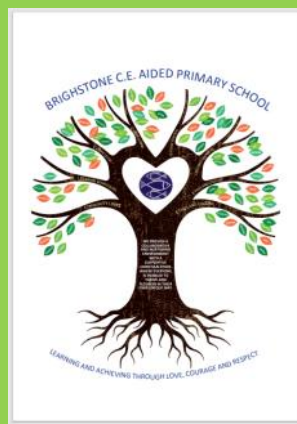
# Our Vision Statement

**We provide a collaborative and nurturing environment with a supportive Christian ethos where everyone is enabled to thrive and flourish in their own unique way.**

As a school community, we are exploring our vision statement in more detail. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of it. So far we have focused on 'collaborative', 'nurturing' and 'supportive Christian ethos'.

We have been exploring the phrase '**everyone**'. We thought about what is meant by 'everyone' in our school community. We discussed that this means children, teachers, LSAs, office staff, cleaners, caretaker, cooks, parents, church community, the village and more! Children have been busy drawing picture galleries and paperchain people of people in our school and wider community, some of which are shared here!

For more information about our vision statement, see our website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/our-vision-and-values/>



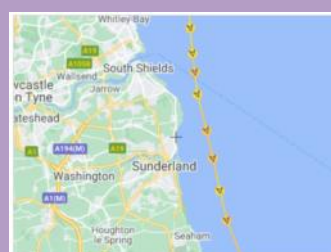
Didi, Susannah and Billy Bear are still having fun on their sailing adventure around the UK! They are currently on the east coast.



Remember, they are raising money for South Wight Area Youth (SWAY) - all donations welcome!

Visit their blog to follow their adventures:

<https://www.seahorse184.com/>



# News from the classroom

In English, some of Y6 have had a focus on writing poetry.  
Whilst exploring colours, we read and then wrote our versions of "I asked the little boy who couldn't see" poem.

I asked the boy who cannot see

I asked the boy who cannot see  
and what is colour like?  
"Why red" he said  
is the glowing eyes of the monster under my bed  
which comes out at night.  
And ice in a glass on a hot  
summers day, that reminds me of blue.  
Blossoms that fall on my  
toes is sweet lovely pink

And black is the thunder  
that roams around at night

by Songa

I Asked The Boy Who Cannot See

I asked the boy who cannot see,  
"And what is colour like?"

"Why, green," said he  
"Is like the joy on christmas eve; warm hugs  
that is pink; And red is the beautiful  
blossoms on the tree sprinkling evenly on  
the path like confetti; And the sweet taste of  
mango reminds me of orange."

By Genna

I asked the little boy who cannot see

"And what is colour like?"  
"Why blue" said he  
"Is the pattering of rain on my window."  
"Oh and I think yellow is like the  
taste of quavers dissolving on my tongue"  
"And pink is the taste of frozen pepperoni  
on my pizza!"  
"And I imagine that purple is the galaxy  
up above."

By Ava

I asked the little boy who could not see.

I asked the little boy who could not see.  
"And what is colour like?"  
"Why blue," said he,  
"Is the morning birds singing in  
the sunrise on the long wires And  
My Mum told me pink is a newborn  
puppy's cold and wet nose. I  
think Yellow is the dirty feeling  
of an old sponge. Black must be  
like an abandoned cat roaming the  
alleyways"

Olivia

I asked the little boy who cannot see

I asked the little boy who cannot see  
"And what is colour like?"

"Why blue," said he,

Is like the midnight ocean bobbing  
up and down in the glow of moonlight.  
Red tastes like big juicy berries  
dangling from strong stalks.  
And I imagine orange acts like  
raging flames attempting to escape  
dangerous fires.

With the smell of seasoning herbs  
and fresh green mint must be  
green.

By Tim

I Asked The Little Boy Who Cannot See

I asked the little boy who cannot see,  
"And what is colour like?"  
"Why," said he,  
"The sound of rain dripping  
on the ground is blue. And  
I think pink is like warm hugs  
and kisses from my family. And  
black is the thunder at night  
he said between my toes reminds  
me of yellow."

by Arianwen



# Eco Refill Scheme

West Wight Timebank's mobile bottle refill station offers *environmentally friendly*:



Washing up Liquid  
Handwash  
All-Purpose Sanitiser  
Multi-Purpose Cleaner  
Laundry Liquid  
Toilet cleaner  
Fabric Conditioner  
Shower gel  
Shampoo  
Conditioner



(Now also offering hand sanitiser)

**You can order your products  
directly to be delivered to the  
school**

**See order form overleaf**

*Competitive prices  
Payment by cash or card*

*Let's do our bit to save the planet*

**WestWightTimebank**



## Eco-friendly Products Order Form

Product	Tick if wanted	Price per 100ml	Volume Wanted	Tick if bottle provided	Price per item (to be completed by Timebank)
BioD Fragrance-Free Laundry liquid		45p			
fragrance-free Washing up liquid		30p			
Lime & Aloe Vera Sanitising Handwash		40p			
Rosemary & Thyme Sanitising Handwash		40p			
All Purpose Sanitiser		25p			
Toilet cleaner		25p			
Bathroom cleaner		25p			
Fragrance-Free Fabric Conditioner		22p			
Faith in Nature Jojoba Shampoo		£1.10			
Jojoba Conditioner		£1.10			
Lavender/Geranium Shampoo		£1.10			
Lavender & Geranium Conditioner		£1.10			
Aloe Vera shampoo		£1.10			
Aloe Vera conditioner		£1.10			
Aloe Vera Body wash		£1.20			
Lavender/geranium body wash		£1.20			
Hand sanitiser		80p			
Total price					



## **Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2021/22**

This notice applies to those parents of current year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and for those parents who wish to apply for a place on the Brighstone Primary school bus.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2021 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and 4pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: [transport.info@iow.gov.uk](mailto:transport.info@iow.gov.uk) or telephone: 823780.

### **Important Points to Note**

- There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- Due to a change in legislation we are unable to confirm if we can offer seats on some services. You may still apply for these services but please be aware that it may not be until mid-August that we receive updates on whether these services can be offered. These services are listed at the bottom of the webpage
- There will be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.