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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Woodlands Meed, your child will be taking part in travel training, which forms part of the Community Access programme. Our Travel Training Programme is designed to enable people to travel independently and to safely use public transportation. The programme aims to increase the individual's social mobility and overall independence, enabling them to access education, employment, and community resources more effectively, if they are able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required. This will be regularly monitored and reviewed.

Students will learn to access and use various amenities in the local community. The students will make choices and communicate their preference of places to visit. They will use different forms of transport to travel to these places.

We are also delighted to inform you that Grace Eyre will be delivering travel training workshops to our Key Stage 5 during the autumn term. Grace Eyre have been delivering workshops to schools and colleges for many years. Each workshop is full of information that is relevant to travelling independently. They offer opportunities for interactive problem solving and re-enacting real life travel scenarios.

We are now seeking your views about your child's travel skills, so that informed choices can be made that provide the correct level of support, based on as wide a range of evidence as possible, when planning and developing the travel training programme. We would be grateful if you could complete the attached travel skills assessment. Let us know if you require a paper version. Please send completed copies to your child's class teacher.

Additionally, if you live in West Sussex we would be grateful if you could apply for, renew or replace a free bus pass for disabled people. Once you have received your child's Disabled Person's Bus Pass, they will be able to travel free using off-peak travel on local bus services.

Please follow the link for application information.

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/free-disabled-persons-bus-pass/#companion-passes_tab

If you require assistance with either of the documents please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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