

20th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

96 Bus service

Further to our letter of the 24th February we are writing to update you on the current position with the above bus service. Despite repeated attempts to have this service re-instated we have no positive news and as you are aware the service ceased to operate from the 1st April 2023.

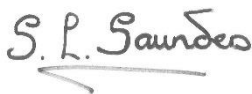
From communication with WECA (West of England Combined Authority) the simple truth is that many bus services were not viable to run, both from a cost perspective and with a reduction in the number of individuals using such services. Since Covid a significant number of drivers have also left the industry which in itself has created an additional problem for our local bus operators.

We are aware of a new stop-to-stop service WESTlink which is a fleet of minibuses designed to help people get to bus connections around the region and which was rolled out in April. This may be of assistance to those students who previously used the 96 service and details of this service can be found here:

<https://travelwest.info/westlink/>

We know that WECA are doing as much as they possibly can to bring a more efficient and affordable transport system to the area but at the current time, we are sorry that we cannot provide you with more positive response.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. L. Saunders".

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