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Dear Parents

**Bus passes valid on later service buses after school**

Would your son / daughter like to take part in clubs after school, stay late to complete coursework or attend revision sessions – but they are unable to do so because they cannot get home?

We are delighted to inform you that the Passenger Transport Unit at Wiltshire Council have agreed with the bus companies that students who travel on St John's School buses are entitled to use their bus passes on later public buses during term time.

This is fantastic news for many of our students. St John's has a huge variety of activities running after school – including After School Club, Dance, Karate, Basketball, Art, Debate, Fencing and all the major team sports. We hope that more students can participate in these activities with their friends, without having to worry about how they can get home.

Despite this privilege being in place for the past 18 months using bus passes on later buses is still a change to long accepted custom and practice. All the bus company managers are committed to the change but there may be individual bus drivers who are still unaware that passes can be used. If there should be any difficulty with a driver accepting bus passes please contact Phil Grocock or Adrian Full at the Passenger Transport Unit (the telephone number is on the back of the bus pass) to report that this has happened. The Passenger Transport Unit will then contact the bus company. I would appreciate it if you could also contact us to if any driver does not accept a valid bus pass so we too can take the matter up with the bus company.

Yours Sincerely

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