



2 July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that your child is enjoying the transition days with us this week and that your family found the Meet the Tutor evening yesterday informative.

We are mindful that some of our new intake of Y7 families may have been considering using the Littles Transport 466 service from this September for their child to travel to and from school. Passes to travel on this service are ordinarily issued by or purchased from Derbyshire County Council, subject to qualifying criteria and availability. However, due to an increase in demand, we have been informed that this service is currently full and no longer issuing new passes.

We appreciate that this is concerning for some parents and, therefore, following consultation between Heanor Gate, Derbyshire County Council and Littles Transport, Littles are considering whether they might be prepared to take a commercial risk and provide a second, additional bus servicing some parts of Ilkeston.

To aid this decision making and establish demand for the service, we ask you to please complete this form before Wednesday 8 July:

<https://forms.gle/fFREZ53ax4wVx2h98>

Should you wish to apply for funding support to transport your child to and from school, please find further information here. [School transport - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Should you have other children attending Heanor Gate currently, please be reassured that current pass holders for the Littles 466 service remain unaffected by any proposed changes.

Furthermore, we wish to make you aware that Trent Barton also offers a variety of commercial services servicing local areas, such as the H1, 32, 33 and 34. Trent Barton's 'Young Person' fares are able to be discounted significantly by using the Mango app and B-Line card (in conjunction). Please review their website for up to date timetable information. <https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/>.

For general information about travel to and from Heanor Gate, please see our website.

[Travel](#)

If you do not live in the Ilkeston area and are not impacted by these changes, please disregard this communication and form.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we collectively explore how best to support our families needs; we will write to you again by 23 July 2026 with further information.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Wright
Assistant Principal