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Dear Parents/Carers

30/31 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN HAYLING ISLAND, HAVANT BUS STATION AND OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A letter was sent to Parents/Carers on 4th April 2025 advising that we had been informed by Stagecoach bus company, who operate the 30/31 school bus service between Hayling Island, Havant Bus Station and Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College, that they intend to stop running this service from the end of this academic year. We robustly challenged this but were unfortunately unsuccessful in changing this decision. I am aware that a number of parents also contacted the company directly, thank you for this.

The school is now in discussion with Stagecoach to take on the contract for the service so that the bus route is maintained. We are currently navigating the complexities involved in securing the most cost-effective solution, and we hope to have this in place for the 2025-26 academic year. Although not ideal, if we are unsuccessful there are alternative public routes where students would need to change buses in Havant, from a public 30/31 bus to a service 20 or 39 to Crookhorn Lane.

I hope our discussions with Stagecoach will result in a positive outcome so a dedicated service is maintained. To this end I hope we can provide you with more news by the end of term, confirming the costs involved.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Quinn
Headteacher