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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding whilst we have worked to resolve capacity issues on the B5 bus this term, it has been hugely frustrating for all of us.

Despite the desultory and disappointing support from Dorset Transport, we have been meeting with First Bus to explore different ways that journeys can be structured to make them faster, safer and more agreeable for all concerned. This has required balancing the number of students across the transport routes, whilst avoiding any earlier start times.

The most effective way to do this is to utilise the 6A bus for a second run in the morning to Broadwindsor, and to change the route to go through Broadwindsor in the afternoon (**see attached timetables**).

Importantly, the 6A will leave Salway Ash **at the same time**, but arrive at **other stops slightly earlier**, arriving at Beaminster School at 8.18am; students will then be able to use the Canteen or Library facilities before the start of school.

**The 6A will then leave Beaminster School to go and pick up all the Broadwindsor students at 8.30am.**

**The B5 bus will no longer stop in Broadwindsor**, but will pass straight through, ensuring a reduction in the capacity of this service to more acceptable levels. The timetable for all other stops will remain the same.

The new timetable for the 6A bus will begin on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**.

My apologies for these necessitated changes with the 6A bus timetable and please be assured that we are continuing to work with our MP, Councillors and Dorset Council in planning for a better transport infrastructure for our students in the near future.

Kind regards

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