



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

6th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see message from Network Rail below:

Network Rail will be working on the rail bridge between St Budeaux Victoria Road and Bere Ferrers on the Gunnislake line from Monday 16 to Thursday 19 November.

We wanted to let you know in plenty of time as this will mean the line is closed. Bus services will be in operation. To reduce journey times, separate buses will run between Plymouth and Calstock, Plymouth and Gunnislake and Bere Ferrers/Bere Alston to Plymouth. Journey times will be extended as a result. We are currently working on the replacement bus plan, and will be talking to Devon and Cornwall Councils about how we best cater for school students. This is, of course, particularly important given the need for social distancing.

So that we get this right, it would be very helpful to know how many students from Plymouth High School for Girls use our Gunnislake services, and where they board. Is this something you could help us with?

For Devonport, Dockyard, Keyham and St Budeaux Ferry Road we will add stops into our Plymouth to Penzance services. This will mean the timetable is altered. The temporary timetable will be shown on journey planners online at GWR.com from mid-October.

We will be using station posters, on train announcements, traditional and social media to alert customers to the changes, but anything you can do to alert anyone who uses the line will be very helpful. If you need more information, please let me know and we will be happy to provide it.

We are very pleased that the work on the bridge is going ahead after weather problems delayed Network Rail's engineers last year. It is important for the safety and reliability of the line that the work takes place, but we know how important it is

that students and parents have plenty of warning of the changes, and we hope that by working with you we can get the rail replacement services needed.

If your child uses the Gunnislake services, please email the following address with their name, tutor group and where they would normally board the train.

jstraker@phsg.org

Thank you

PHSG on behalf of Network Rail