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END OF FREE BUS TRAVEL IN LONDON FOR 18'S DELAYED

Dear Families

You will remember that I wrote to you about the government's plans to suspend free bus travel in London for 11 to 17 year olds due to begin after October half term.

It is shameful to think that this would happen, and thankfully the move to suspend has now been delayed until the spring 2021 for logistical reasons. This will also give more time for the London Mayor and the 'Don't Zap the Zip' campaign to continue putting pressure on the government to enable young people to continue to benefit from free travel. For further information read what the [Mayor of London](#) says about this issue and the news item on [bbc news](#).

Please add your name to the 170,230 who have already signed the petition against scrapping free bus travel in London for under 18s. Visit [Petition: Scrap removal of free transport for under-18s from TfL bailout](#)

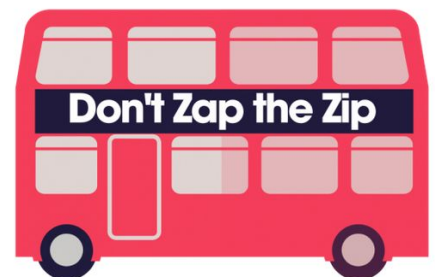
More information about the 'Don't Zap the Zip' campaign can be found on the Child Poverty Action Group website [Don't Zap the Zip: Keep London transport free for under 18s](#)

During the pandemic there are other ways to travel and if possible, your child should walk, or cycle to school. I refer you to the information that we published on our website about safe travel to school <http://www.stmartins.academy/index.php?id=587&parent=148&n>

A reminder your child must also wear a face covering on public transport, unless exempt. For more information visit [Travel Guidance for Schools](#), the [Back to School Campaign](#) and the [Safer Travel Toolkit](#).

Best wishes

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**KEEP LONDON TRANSPORT
FREE FOR UNDER 18S**

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