



# HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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## Press Release

The school were informed at 3.30 pm on 1 February 2018 that Turners Buses were going into liquidation from midnight on 1 February. Turners ran one route to Hedingham with fare paying passengers.

School transport is not the responsibility of the school. However, Senior Staff immediately contacted Hedingham Chambers who, following a discussion, indicated that they would be willing to investigate providing a service to cover this route. Within an hour and a half of the initial contact they were able to confirm they would be able to take over Turners Bus service to Hedingham School with immediate effect. The route operated as normal from today, 2 February. Hedingham Chambers agreed to honour Turner's tickets.

Turners did provide details of the route and a member of staff to accompany Hedingham Chambers driver today to ensure continuity of service. On what must have been a sad day for Turners, this assistance was appreciated.

We informed students on the affected bus of the situation before they left the school site. We put notices onto our website and informed parents who contacted the school that we were in discussion with the bus companies and would keep them informed via our website and text messages. Parents were sent texts and emails shortly after 6.00 pm to advise them suitable arrangements had been put in place and the service would run as normal. This information was also posted on the front page of our website and circulated via FaceBook.

We are very grateful for the support Hedingham Chambers have given to the parents and students of our school in these very challenging circumstances. They have helped ensure there was no disruption to students' education. I also thank all staff of the school who worked very hard to keep parents supported and informed and seek a swift resolution to this situation.

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