

Update to parents regarding the coach used on the Y2 trip on 11.03.20

10:40am 12.03.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been contacted by the head of compliance at the bus company which we used yesterday to take our Year 2 children to the Birmingham Sealife Centre.

Skills has confirmed the following facts, which I hope will offer you some clarity and reassurance in terms of the information that we shared with you regarding the coach driver's comments yesterday.

The facts which have been shared with me are as follows:

- The company categorically stated that the driver of the coach did not go to Italy
- The driver travelled to Dover/Calais on 14th and 15th February
- The coach that the children travelled on yesterday did return from Italy on 22nd February
- The coach company have a strict cleaning regime for all vehicles returning from abroad
- This vehicle was thoroughly cleaned using a fogging machine and a product called Cryocide
- The product was sprayed all over the vehicle and the vehicle was left for 72 hours.
- The company have reassured that this will have killed any infection.
- The company follow thorough procedures and any staff who have been travelling to areas of infection are tested using kits that the company have bought in.
- The man who drove our coach had not been to Italy.
- No passengers or drivers, who have used this company's coaches to travel from Italy, have developed symptoms.

I hope that you feel reassured with regard to the information that we have shared. The company director has said that he will continue to respond to our queries and concerns. He has been extremely apologetic for the upset which his driver's comments have caused.

I will continue to update you with the advice passed to UK schools regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Bromley