

24 September 2025

Dear Parent or Carer

## Re: Proposed Strike Action – Stagecoach

We have been informed by Stagecoach that there is planned strike action next week (Monday 29 September – Sunday 5 October 2025). The action will impact on both the Preston and Chorley depots, and it has been confirmed that all direct 'C' services which transport students directly to Preston College will be impacted, with the exception of the 40C service from Lancaster.

The bus company have informed us that 'some' regular service buses will be in operation, but at this stage it is anticipated that these will be minimal and irregular. These services should not be considered as a reliable alternative to the normal College buses.

I can confirm that in relation to College timetables, we are planning to operate as normal next week, and we hope that our students are able to source alternative transport in enabling them to get to and from college safely on their normal days of attendance. It is worth noting that Preston Bus will be operating a regular service throughout next week, and that their 19 service leaves Preston Bus station every 20 minutes and has a stop directly outside the College on Sharoe Green Lane.

We fully appreciate that this planned strike action will disrupt and impact a number of our students, and in exceptional circumstances, where alternative transport cannot be sourced, we are committed to providing learning materials that can be completed from home. This will ensure minimal disruption to learning and will ensure that all students can make the required progress on their programme of study. If your son, daughter or ward is unable to attend due to transport issues, then you should inform us in advance via the following email [studentservices@preston.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@preston.ac.uk). Alternatively, our students can discuss directly with their Student Manager and arrange for learning materials to be shared. It is possible that Stagecoach staff may hold a second strike between Monday 13 October and Sunday 19 October 2025, we will write to update you nearer the time if this is confirmed, and will again make plans for continuity of delivery.

I hope that you can understand that this situation is out of the control of the College, and I can reinforce that we will work hard to ensure that none of our students are disadvantaged by this action. Of course, if the College does become aware of any changes in the situation for next week, we will write again.

Kind regards



Simon Nixon  
Principal and Chief Executive

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