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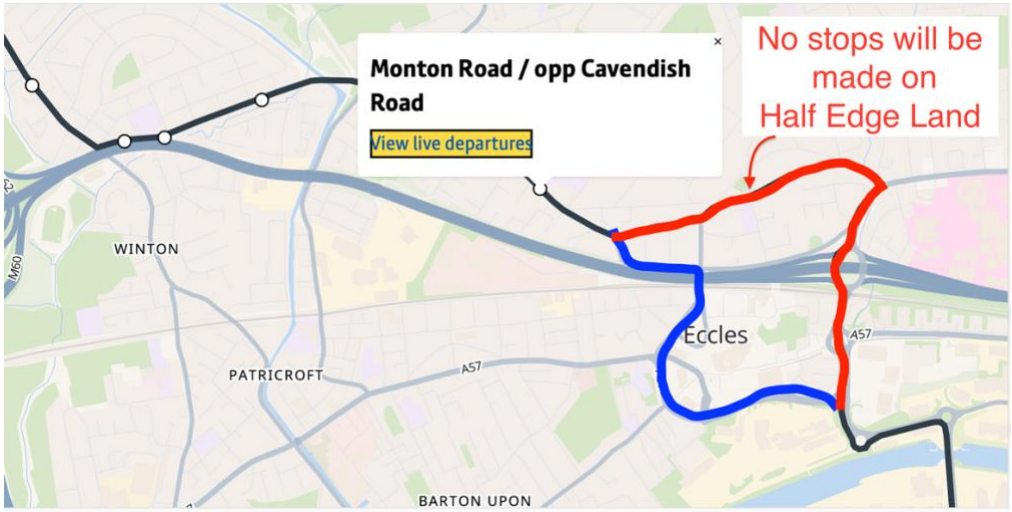
24th September 2026

RE: 799 and 795 Bus Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm pleased to inform you that the Bee Network have agreed to some modest changes to the 799 bus service to help alleviate the capacity issues experienced this term to date.

Following a survey of both the 799 and 795 routes, colleagues from the Bee Network have found that each day between 10-20 students are alighting the 799 bus along Half Edge Lane. The stops on Half Edge Lane were removed from this route a number of years ago, but when multiple students still expect to be able to leave the bus at these stops the drivers feel obligated to stop and allow them off. This has exacerbated the capacity challenges on the 799 over recent weeks. Moving forward any students who need to get off the bus on Half Edge Lane must get the 795 service. To facilitate this change in student routines the 799 bus route is being amended so it no longer travels along Half Edge Lane.



- Currently, after leaving Urmston, the 799 goes through Trafford Park and over the Centenary Bridge into Salford. It then follows the **RED ROUTE** around the Gilda Brook Roundabout and along Half Edge Lane to Monton.

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- From **Monday 28th September**, this is going to be adjusted to follow the **BLUE ROUTE**. After crossing into Salford the bus will turn left onto Bentcliffe Way, cutting out Half Edge Lane to get to Monton Road.

This change means, from Monday next week, any students who routinely get off the bus on Half Edge Lane must get the 795 service. This bus has got busier over recent weeks, but there is still plenty of capacity. The first stop where students can alight the 799 on their way home is on Monton Road opposite Cavendish Road. This will also be the last stop where students can get on the 799 in the morning.

To parents/carers whose child typically gets off the bus on Half Edge Lane, please speak to them to ensure they know the 795 is the only bus that will be taking this route from next week onwards. The Bee Network are confident both the 795 and 799 provide more than sufficient capacity to meet the needs of our school, and have categorically told us there is no scope for an additional bus or larger busses. Every student who uses these routes needs to play their part in ensuring we make these services work so all students can routinely get home safely.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr T Kennedy-Fowler
Headteacher