

School Transport



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DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL **SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2020-21**

Introduction

Durham High School (DHS) welcomes the opportunity to organise and provide transport for its pupils where possible and where there is sufficient demand.

The Director of Operations, Mr Michael Dunn and our new Transport Supervisor Mr David Wilson (transport@dhsfg.org.uk), are always ready to discuss transport arrangements with parents to ensure that a suitable and fit for purpose service is provided, that safeguards its pupils. This includes exploring additional routes with those that currently do not use the service.

It is important to note that the School should be made aware of your transport needs as soon as possible. This is to allow time to examine and confirm current arrangements and/or additional requirements.

Clearly the 2020/21 academic year continues to be a challenging time for everyone in these uncertain circumstances. However, I would like to reassure you that Durham High School is doing everything in its power to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of its school family in line with official guidance, which includes the use of school transport.

We hope the details in the following pages offer the appropriate reassurance and information regarding the arrangements for your child's school transport, but please don't hesitate to ask if you would like further advice or assistance by contacting us on the following email addresses: transport@dhsfg.org.uk / m.dunn@dhsfg.org.uk

Transport Booking

On the 3rd July 2020, a letter from the Headmistress to parents included details regarding school transport for the new term in September 2020. This included a transport request form which was to be completed by parents/guardians who required the use of school transport for their daughter.

All transport requests have been analysed and where necessary discussed with parents and transport companies are now approved. If you are yet to complete this form and require transport, please get in touch ASAP and we may be able to accommodate your child, but this is not guaranteed.

Parents/guardians of new entrants to the school that wish to make enquiries about transport should contact Mr David Wilson on email: transport@dhsfg.org.uk

DHS Transport Route Summary

Currently there are 7 selected routes across the region where transport is provided to the school. These are operated via 2 Transport Schemes, these are:

1. The School Minibus
2. Contract Hire arranged and co-ordinated by the school

The 7 routes are designed to offer an efficient, but broad regional opportunity for parents to access the school when considering the use of school transport. These along with the name of the operating company are outlined as follows:

1. Sunderland Route: E & D Minibus Hire
2. Seaham Route: E & D Minibus Hire

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| 3. | Washington Route: | DC Travel |
| 4. | Bishop Auckland Route: | Durham Airport Taxis |
| 5. | Wynyard Route: | DHS Minibus |
| 6. | Stanhope Route: | Moores Taxis |
| 7. | Consett Route: | DC Travel |

The details of each route, pickup/drop off points and costs, are provided in Appendix 'A' of this booklet.

Note: *Transport providers identified in this booklet are subject to change as they are dependent upon demand and availability. Parents will be informed if this occurs.*

Alternate Transport Arrangement

In specified circumstances the school is happy to put parents in touch with the existing transport companies who operate our service in case you would like to organise a private arrangement. It is then up to you to accept or reject the requirements of the provider.

Durham High School: Commitment

DHS transport is designed to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable, the safe transportation of your child to and from school at the collectively agreed locations and times. The charge for this will appear on your fee invoice at the **beginning** of the school term.

Parents can be reassured that full vehicle safety checks and risk assessments are carried out in respect of each of the transport companies, who must only use drivers with an enhanced DBS check for school transport which have been approved by DHS and Durham County Council.

Parental/Guardian Commitment

That you agree to pay the arranged transport costs for each day of term as agreed, regardless of whether the transport is used. Unfortunately, it is not possible to take account of absences or attendance at extra-curricular activities where pupils are in School after the normal finishing time and need to travel later. Transport costs are calculated on a full-term basis and are fixed once the term has begun. Therefore, we require a full term's notice of cancellation. The reason for this is due to the financial and practical commitments made by the school to transport companies, who must commit to transporting the agreed number of passengers, whether they are on the bus or not.

There are rare occasions, when due to different finishing times of junior and senior schools, we may request that you make special arrangements for collecting your child – in such cases we will ensure that no charge is made.

The school prefers that transport is two-way where this is available. However, there are some circumstances where this is not practicable for families. In these circumstances, we would try to come to an arrangement with you for your preferred journey. Unfortunately, it should be noted that in extreme circumstances where there is a shortage of seats, preference will have to be given to those requiring the full service.

Transport Safety

Covid-19

A Transport Risk Assessment has been developed within the schools Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Safety Control Plan to reflect the safety control measures required to

ensure where possible, the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils and school staff whilst using school transport. Safety control measures included are outlined as follows:

- The application and use of hand sanitiser for all staff and passengers when boarding and disembarking the minibus.
- Tissues and a waste bag are located on the vehicle.
- Queuing safely when boarding the minibus.
- The wearing of face covering for those aged 11 and over when using school transport.
- So far as is practicable, grouping pupils together who are in the same school bubble in school.
- The driver to wear a face covering when passengers are on the minibus.
- Windows are to be kept open where possible to increase ventilation.
- Guidance for the driver in the event of a passenger taking ill.
- Food and drink must not be consumed on the vehicle.
- Additional cleaning of vehicles after each use.
- Only Durham High School pupils and staff to travel on school transport

All pupils must wear the seatbelts provided

We anticipate your co-operation regarding this by ensuring your child complies with this requirement. This is a legal requirement and we reserve the right to refuse to carry any pupil who does not comply with this.

The school regrets that for safety reasons, we are unable to carry Nursery pupils on School transport and that infant pupils (Reception to Year 2), will only be carried after the satisfactory completion of supervisory and safeguarding procedures are put in place.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that adequate supervision is available for pupils before pick-up and after drop-off times as the School's duty of care operates only whilst pupils are in transit.

Pupils should be standing at the pick-up point ready to board the bus at least 5 minutes before the advertised pick-up time; if they are not ready to be picked up when the bus arrives it causes delays further along the route or they may miss the pickup.

Parents are asked not to impede the area allocated as the pickup/drop off points, by parking their vehicles in these areas while waiting of the bus, as this may cause additional risks to pupils getting on and off.

Your cooperation regarding these safety matters is greatly appreciated.

Code of Conduct

The School's Code of Conduct operates on transport to and from School. Undesirable behaviour is **never** acceptable and could result in the provision of transport being withdrawn.

In addition:

- Food and drink must not be consumed whilst on the vehicles;
- Chewing gum is strictly forbidden on all vehicles; and
- Friends of pupils are not permitted to travel on school transport.

If you require further details about routes or fares, or have a general enquiry regarding transport, please email:

Mr David Wilson transport@dhsfg.org.uk

2020/21 TRANSPORT ROUTES

Appendix A

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- Selected stops only are shown.
- All routes and times are subject to change according to demand. In the event of a change, parents will be notified as soon as possible.
- If the route, or stop, that you require is not shown here, please do make an enquiry. We are always prepared to consider new routes and stops where we can.

Sunderland Route:		Boldon-Sunderland-Newbottle- Houghton-Le Spring	
E & D Mini Bus		Emergency Contact no. 07714046970	
Pick up / Drop off Location	Pick Up	Drop Off	Cost per Journey
BMW Garage, Boldon	7.00	17.15	5.41
Black Bull Pub, East Boldon	7.05	17.13	5.41
Fulwell Library, Sea Road, Fulwell	7.05	17.10	5.10
Seaburn Metro Station	7.10	17.08	4.59
Up: Thornhill School; Drop: Royal Courts	7.29	16.58	4.49
North Moor Bus Stop	7.31	16.54	4.49
Board Inn, Herrington Burn	7.35	16.52	4.49
Secret Deli, Coley Lane, Newbottle	7.45	16.42	4.49
Burn Hotel, Hetton Road Ends	7.52	16.35	3.67

Seaham Route:		Seaham-Peterlee-Wingate	
E & D Minibus Hire:		Emergency Contact no. 07714046970	
Pick up / Drop off Location	Pick Up	Drop Off	Cost per Journey
Passfield Way, Peterlee	7.40	16.35	4.50
Castle Eden, just past golf course	7.45	16.30	4.50
Wellfield Road, Wingate	7.45	16.30	4.50
Nisa Garage A181	7.50	16.25	4.50

Washington Route:**Washington-Chester le Street****DC Travel****Emergency Contact no. 07852778041**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Roundabout, Bramhall Drive / Biddick PH, Washington	7.30	16.50	4.55
Clifford Terrance, Chester le Street	7.45	16.35	4.25
Teal Farm		16.57	6.75
Biddick Woods		17.10	6.75

Bishop Auckland Route:**Bishop Auckland-Shildon****Durham Airport Taxis****Emergency Contact no. 07919345385**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
JCT Vaughn St & West Rd, Shildon	7.45	N/A	
Thinford Roundabout Bus stop	8.10	N/A	2.8

Stanhope Route:**Stanhope-Crook-Brancepeth****Moores Taxis****Emergency Contact no. 07714021621**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Market Place, Stanhope	7.30	17.00	5.51
St Catherines Church, Crook		16.25	3.77

Wynyard Route:**Wynyard-Sedgefield-Coxhoe-Bowburn****Durham High School Minibus****Emergency Contact no. 0191 3843226**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
The Stables PH, Wynyard	7.35	16.55	4.16
Bolams; near The Black Lion, Sedgefield	7.45	16.40	3.00
The Black Lion, Sedgefield	7.45	16.40	3.00
Hawthorn Crescent, Quarrington Hill	8.05	16.30	2.89
Convenience Store, Coxhoe	8.07	16.25	2.87
Opp. The Avenue, Shincliffe	8.20	16.15	2.60
Bowburn Community Centre		16.20	2.14

Consett Route:**Leadgate-Tantobie-Craghead****DC Travel****Emergency Contact no. 07852778041**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Tantobie	7.30	N/A	5.00
The Pavillion	7.45	N/A	5.00
Craghead Crossroads	8.00	N/A	5.00
Whitesmocks	8.15	N/A	2.00

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