



School Transport 2022-23

A Useful Guide

DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL **SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2022-23**

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 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.

I would like to reassure you that Durham High School will continue to do 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 via: transport@dhsfg.org.uk.

Transport Booking

At the end of the Summer Term, a letter from the Director of Operations to parents includes details regarding school transport for the new term in September. This includes a transport request form which is to be completed by parents/guardians who required the use of school transport for their child.

All transport requests will be analysed and where necessary discussed with parents and transport companies are approved.

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:

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| 1. | Sunderland Route: | DHS Minibus |
| 2. | Seaham Route: | DHS Minibus |
| 3. | Washington Route: | DC Travel |
| 4. | Bishop Auckland Route: | Durham Airport Taxis |
| 5. | Wynyard Route: | DHS Minibus |
| 6. | Stanhope Route: | Kevin.B.Younghusband |
| 7. | Consett Route: | Durham Airport Taxis |

The details of each route, pickup/drop off points and costs, are provided at the end of this letter.

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

A Transport Risk Assessment has been produced to reflect the safety control measures required to ensure, where possible, the health, safety and welfare of pupils and school staff whilst using school transport. It includes control measures which are listed as follows:

- The application and use of hand sanitiser for all staff and passengers when boarding and disembarking the minibus.
- Tissues, waste and sick bags are located on the vehicle.
- Queuing safely when boarding the minibus.

- Windows are to be kept open where possible to increase ventilation, where possible.
- 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. This will be completed by the transport provider and by the school driver for school minibuses and will involve a full deep clean after every journey.
- 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 or your child feel there has been a Safeguarding issue on the bus please contact Mrs Michelle Hill our Vice Principal and Designated safeguarding Lead.
- Pupils must not take videos or photographs of themselves or any other pupil travelling on the School bus even if consent is given.

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

2022-23 TRANSPORT ROUTES

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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	
DHS Minibus		Emergency Contact no. 07943 405 771	
Pick up / Drop off Location	Pick Up	Drop Off	Cost per Journey
BMW Garage, Boldon	7.00	17.15	5.68
Black Bull Pub, East Boldon	7.05	17.13	5.68
Seaburn Metro Station	7.10	17.08	4.81
Up: Thornhill School; Drop: Royal Courts	7.25	16.58	4.71
North Moor Bus Stop	7.30	16.54	4.71
Board Inn, Herrington Burn	7.30	16.52	4.71
Secret Deli, Coley Lane, Newbottle	7.40	16.42	4.71
Burn Hotel, Hetton Road Ends	7.45	16.35	3.85
High Street, Carville	7.50		2.62

Seaham Route:		Seaham-Peterlee-Wingate	
DHS Minibus		Emergency Contact no. 07943 405 213	
Pick up / Drop off Location	Pick Up	Drop Off	Cost per Journey
Crows Nest East Shore Village	7.30	16.45	4.75
Passfield Way, Peterlee	7.40	16.35	4.75
Wellfield Road, Wingate	7.45	16.30	4.75
Nisa Garage A181	7.50	16.25	4.74
Sherburn Village	7.55	16.20	2.10
Shincliffe Village		16.15	2.24

Washington Route:**Washington-Chester le Street****DC Travel****Emergency Contact no. 07712 676542**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Elba Park	7.30	17.10	4.77
Roundabout, Bramhall Drive / Biddick PH, Washington	7.35	16.50	4.77
Lambton Worm Pub	7.40		4.45
Clifford Terrance, Chester le Street	7.45	16.35	4.45
Vets for Pets Newton Hall	7.55	16.25	2.31
Old Dryburn Way	8.00	16.20	2.10
Teal Farm		16.57	6.85

Bishop Auckland Route:**Bishop Auckland-Shildon****Durham Airport Taxis****Emergency Contact no. 07919 345 385**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Bus stop outside Bishop Auckland Hospital	7.30	N/A	5.00
JCT Vaughn St & West Rd, Shildon	7.45	N/A	5.00

Stanhope Route:**Stanhope-Crook-Brancepeth****Kevin.B.Younghusband****Emergency Contact no. 07943 933591**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Market Place, Stanhope	7.30	17.00	5.75
St Catherines Church, Crook	7.45	16.25	5.75

Wynyard Route:**Wynyard-Sedgefield-Coxhoe-Bowburn****DHS Minibus****Emergency Contact no. 07853 890972**

Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Plantations, Wynyard	7.25	16.55	4.36
The Stables PH, Wynyard	7.35	16.55	4.36
Bolams; near The Black Lion, Sedgefield	7.45	16.40	3.15

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Hawthorn Crescent, Quarrington Hill	7.55	16.30	3.03
Front Street, Coxhoe	8.00	16.25	3.02
Bus Stop Before Jet Garage	8.05	16.20	2.24
Opp. The Avenue, Shincliffe	8.15	16.15	2.24
Bowburn Community Centre		16.20	2.24

Consett Route:		Leadgate-Tantobie-Craghead	
Durham Airport Taxis		Emergency Contact no. 07919 345 385	
Pick up / Drop off Location	Time In	Time Out	Cost per Journey
Shotley Bridge Hospital	7.20	N/A	6.30
Tantobie	7.30	N/A	5.25
The Pavillion	7.45	N/A	5.25
Craghead Crossroads	8.00	N/A	5.25
Whitesmocks	8.15	N/A	2.10

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