



Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School

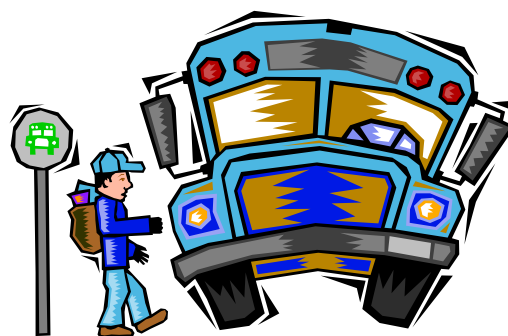


Home-to-School Transport

Terms and Conditions and Information for Parents and Students

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INTRODUCTION

A private charter coach service is run between Bloxwich and Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School in partnership with Majestic Travel (incorporating Elizabethan Travel). There are four buses in operation, the routes of each are shown below. Termly coach passes are available for parents to purchase from the school (not Elizabethan Travel as has been our previous arrangement).

The journey by coach between home and school is considered an important part of the school day for students as it allows them additional opportunity to interact with their peers and so further develop their social skills. Student health, safety and well-being is of paramount importance and we consider the partnership between the school, parents, students and the coach company crucial to ensuring students are as safe as possible during the journey.

ROUTES

Route A

PICK UPS

08.15 Leamore Lane, opposite shops by Crown Pub
08.18 Pinfold Health Centre, Bloxwich
08.21 New Co-op store (formerly Knave of Hearts Pub), Bus Stop
08.24 Buxton Road
08.25 Lower Farm Shops
08.28 Golf Club, Stafford Road, Bloxwich
08.32 Holly Lane, Landywood
TO SCHOOL

Route B

NOTE: CHANGE TO ROUTE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2011

PICK UPS

08.23 Mossley Shops (Cresswell Crescent)
08.25 Eagle Pub, Cresswell Crescent (bus turning circle)
08.28 One man & His Dog Pub, Turnberry Estate
TO SCHOOL

Route C

PICK UPS

08.20 Heather Road, Bus Stop, Bloxwich
08.25 Dudley Fields Shops, (by old Neighbourhood Office)
08.30 Bloxwich CE School, High Street,
TO SCHOOL

Route D

PICK UPS

08.23 Mossley Shops (Cresswell Crescent)

08.25 Eagle Pub, Cresswell Crescent (bus turning circle)

08.28 One Man and His Dog (Turnberry Estate)

TO SCHOOL

CHARGES

- £453.60 per annum (£362.88 for students eligible for a discount).
- Students will only be permitted to travel on production of a valid pass.

DISCOUNT

- 20% discount is available for students who are registered for free school meals or who have siblings who also use the service.
- One discount applies per student and the first child is not eligible for the sibling discount.
- Parents can apply for a discount by completing the appropriate side on the booking form.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- In full at the start of the academic year by cheque (payable to GWPAHS) or cash.
- Monthly by standing order. A deposit of £23.60 is required at the start of the academic year followed by ten monthly payments of £43 (£33.93) from parent's bank account. A standing order mandate should be completed and handed into the bank.
- Termly by cheque payable to GWPAHS or cash before the start of each term. £168 (£134.40) for Autumn Term, £139.20 (£111.36) for Spring Term and £146.40 (£117.12) for Summer Term).
- Receipts are available upon request.
- Parents will receive a reminder about payment for the second and third terms.
- Parents who are likely to experience difficulties meeting our payment options should contact Mrs P Bakewell, Finance Officer at the school (extension 158).

NB Discounted payments are indicated in brackets.

BOOKING COACH PLACES

- Parents are required to re-book coach places on an annual basis.
- Parents should complete the appropriate side of the booking form and return it to the school (contact details below)
- Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

- Students cannot change routes without prior arrangement with the school (contact details below).

ISSUING BUS PASSES

- Bus passes will be issued on receipt of payment before the start of each term.

COMMUNICATION

- All bookings and general enquiries should be directed to:-

Mrs D Deeming
School Business Manager
Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School
Telephone: 01922 419311 Extension 159
E-mail: dd@gwpahs.org

- Majestic Travel (incorporating Elizabethan Travel) is unable to deal with bookings and enquiries.
- The school has a designated school transport area on its website (www.gwpahs.org) where it displays up-to-date information for parents and students.
- The school will make use of its text messaging service to make contact with parents when needed so please notify the school of any change to mobile numbers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Student safety is of paramount importance and we take incidents of inappropriate behaviour by students on coaches that could compromise this very seriously.
- Students should not distract the driver at any time.
- Students must wear a seatbelt at all times.
- The coach company reserves the right to refuse to transport students who behave inappropriately or refuse to wear seatbelts.
- The cost of damage to coaches caused by students will be passed on to parents by the coach company.
- Students are supervised by staff whilst on the school site only.
- At the end of the school day students are required to line up in front of the main building whilst waiting for the coaches to arrive.
- Students must follow the instruction of the member of staff responsible for their coach at all times.
- Parents are asked to let the school know if there are any health issues which could have impact during journeys on the coaches to and from school.
- Parents should make sure the school has up-to-date emergency contact details.

REFUNDS

- Parents can apply for a refund (in writing) if their son/daughter has been off school through illness for more than two consecutive weeks.
- A refund will be given if the school cancels the service, e.g. if the school is closed due to bad weather.
- A refund will be given for students in Years 11 and 13 on exam leave in the Summer Term. The refund will be given during the Summer Term once firm dates for exam leave are known.
- Parents must give one month's written note to the school (contact details below) if they wish to terminate the home-to-school transport agreement and apply for a refund.
- No other refunds will be given for pupil absence.

LOST TICKETS

- The school is able to offer a replacement pass at £2.00 per pass.
- Students will only be permitted to travel on production of a valid pass.

CHANGES TO NORMAL SERVICE

- Details of any changes to normal service, e.g. arrangements for Target Setting Day or early closure for special events, will be placed in the School Transport section on the school website.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Some parents may wish to consider alternative travel arrangements. There is a regular Aviva bus service between Great Wyrley and Bloxwich and a rail link between Landywood and Bloxwich.



