**TRANSPORT**

A high proportion of our pupils have to travel by bus to school. School bus services are organized by Transport For Greater Manchester. School has no authority over the services provided and we work in partnership with the bus companies to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils using these services. For routes not designated a “school service”, pupils must use normal service buses and you will need to check times and available routes with the individual bus companies concerned.

To assist with the monitoring of behaviour on the school service buses we appoint Y11 Bus Prefects. They also support Y7 pupils in settling in and getting used to travelling to school each day on the bus.

We have implemented a School Bus Code of Conduct for pupils reminding them of the expectations and consequences of poor behaviour on the bus. Please see below:

**SCHOOL BUS SERVICES CODE OF CONDUCT**

• All pupils are expected to conduct themselves on the buses like they would in school.

• The safety of pupils, bus drivers and other road users can be affected by poor behaviour on the bus.

• Please follow all instructions issued by the Bus Prefects eg fasten seatbelts, no standing or distracting the driver, throwing items, bullying, leaving rubbish etc.

• The school will not tolerate poor behaviour on the buses. This is not fair to your fellow passengers or to the bus companies that provide the bus service.

• Your behaviour is a reflection of St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, and we pride ourselves on our reputation

If behaviour causes concern this is the procedure and consequence if it does not improve:

Stage 1: The bus prefect will politely ask you to refrain from causing a disruption. If no notice is taken and the poor behaviour continues they will report the matter to Mrs Chapman.

Stage 2: Mrs Chapman will notify the appropriate SLC who will speak to you directly.

Stage 3: If there is no improvement, a warning letter will be sent home advising parents of the unacceptable behaviour setting out a time frame for improvement.

Stage 4: After the agreed time frame, if there is no improvement, a further letter will be sent home implementing a temporary ban, possibly 2 weeks or half a term depending on the severity of the behaviour.

Stage 5: On return, any further incident will result in an immediate permanent ban.

 I agree to the above code of conduct and acknowledge there will be consequences if my behaviour falls below the expected standard.

Pupils will be asked to sign a copy of the code of conduct and we would appreciate if you could acknowledge and support the school with it’s implementation.

It is essential all pupils apply for an Igo pass to receive concessionary fares.

The Igo form is available from TGFM Travel Shops or online.

For local bus and train information please telephone

0871 200 2233 or visit <https://www.tfgm.com/>

Applications for a Yellow School Bus pass take place during the Summer Term in preparation for September. Places are not guaranteed. Please log onto the following webpage: <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-yellow-school-buses>

For details of saver tickets and network routes available: <http://www.systemonetravelcards.co.uk/>

System One Weekly Saver ticket start from £9.00 and a 28 Day Saver ticket start from £34.00

Here’s a list of local bus companies who accept System One:- Including Yellow Bus operators

* Arriva
* Cumfy Bus
* Diamond Bus North West \*
* Finches of Wigan
* First Manchester
* Jim Stones
* M Travel
* Springfield Bus and Coach
* Stagecoach (Manchester, Wigan, Merseyside and South Lancashire)
* UK Coachways
* Wigan Buses

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to be entitled to free bus travel but should contact the council for an application form or to check eligibility.

Wigan Council – Tel Number: 01942 489685

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Home-to-school-travel/Home-to-school-travel.aspx>

St Helens Council – Transport Section 01744 671033

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-college-transport/transport-assistance-for-secondary-aged-pupils/](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-college-transport/transport-assistance-for-secondary-aged-pupils/)

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|  | Service No | Operator |  | Costs (subject to change) |
| Children living in the Hindley/Hindley Green area | Y66/Y67/Y64 | Stagecoach in Wigan \* | Hindley Green/Hindley/Platt Bridge/Bamfurlong/Ashton  | £2.00 Wigan concessionary dayrider£7.50 Weekly Wigan Easyrider |
| Y65 | Stagecoach in Wigan \* | Weekly ticket £7.30 valid on Yellow Bus service only |
| 920 | Tyrer Travel | 4.15pm bus for pupils holding a Yellow Bus Pass |  |
| Children living in Platt Bridge area | 620/320 | Wigan Buses Ltd / Arriva Merseyside | Public Service Bus - Lower Ince/Platt Bridge/Bamfurlong/Ashton | Daysaver/Weekly &4 Weekly ticket –see Arriva website |
| Children living in the Ince/Hindley/Platt Bridge area | 920 | Tyrer Travel (PM) | Ince Bar/Hindley Bird in th’ Hand/Platt Bridge/Bamfurlong/Ashton |  |
| Children living in the Abram/Platt Bridge area | Y26 | Stagecoach \* | Abram (Dover Lock)/Platt Bridge/ Bamfurlong/ Ashton | Weekly ticket £7.30 valid on Yellow Bus service only |
| Children living in Garswood | 156 652 | Arriva Merseyside Red Kite Travel | St Helens/Garswood/Bryn cross/AshtonGarswood/Bryn Cross/Ashton |  |
| Children living in Haydock/St Helens area | 320 | Arriva Merseyside | Service Bus from Ashton/St Helens | Daysaver/Weekly &4 Weekly ticket –see Arriva website |
| Children living in Winstanley area | 604/603 | Diamond Bus NW | Windy Arbour/Worsley Mesnes/Highfield Grange/Hawkley Hall | £7.00 Weekly ticket |
| 603/604 | Pemberton Rail Station/Holmes House Avenue/Marus Bridge |
| Children living in Golborne/Lowton area | 600 | Stagecoach in Wigan | Service Bus | £2.00 Wigan concessionary dayrider£7.50 Weekly Wigan Easyrider |
| Children living in Newton Le Willows area | 654 | Halton Borough Transport | (AM only) Newton Hospital/Penny Lane, Haydock/School  | £1per journey – No weekly ticket available |
| 603655 | Huyton Travel LtdRed Kite travel  | Service Bus – pmThis service has a capacity of only 33(PM only)  | £1 per journey – No weekly ticket available£1 per journey |

Yellow Bus Services \*