



HIGHGATE

Transport



School Bus Service

The School provides a daily bus service for both the Senior and Junior School pupils.

"The assurance to have a safe and reliable service is very important"

Parent of Y9 pupil

The bus service is contracted out and provided by an accredited coach companies, which are managed, monitored and administered by our School transport office. All buses are Euro VI compliant, fitted with 3point seat belts, and we offer a 'Real Time' bus tracking system, which is available for all parents and carers. A pupil register is taken before each journey. Timetable updates are sent out via SMS text.

Service and routes

The bus service is a 'not for profit' with the costs for each term divided between the parents/carers of those who use the service. The current fee equates to £12.25 per passenger per day. School bus routes cover areas that are not well served for direct public transport to our Schools and include (but not limited to):

Bayswater, Belsize Park, Chalk Farm, City Road/Old Street, Cricklewood, Crouch End, Golders Green, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, Hampstead Garden Suburb, Highbury, Holloway, Hornsey, Islington, Kensington, Kilburn, Ladbroke Grove, North Kensington, Maida Vale, Manor House, Marylebone, Primrose Hill, Queens Park, Regents Park, St Johns Wood, Stoke Newington / Newington Green, Stroud Green, Swiss Cottage, Willesden & West Hampstead.

If you are not within these areas but reside close by, please contact us so we can review the routes to see if we can make adaptations to accommodate you. As the bus service increases in popularity we will expand the routes to accommodate as many pupils as possible.

Health & Safety protocols

All coaches have enhanced cleaning protocols & all services conform to government guidance prevailing at the time. Pupils are registered on boarding and disembarking the bus. All Junior pupils are marshalled at the end of each School day onto their designated buses. All drivers hold School verified enhanced DBS certificates and Highgate approved Safeguarding Training.



TfL Travel for Life is an accreditation programme that offers a series of educational programmes to schools and education settings across London. The goal is to increase active and sustainable travel options when travelling to and from school, reduce car use and improve safety.

Highgate are proud to have been awarded gold accreditation.



Pupil Safety and General Information

Ms Philippa Studd, Principal of the Junior School, would like Junior School pupils to be taken to and from bus stops by parents or carers to ensure their safety. Our bus service is currently unavailable for Pre-prep pupils. Timetables are formulated once routes have been planned. Timetables are dependant on daily traffic conditions. We currently do not run later buses to cater for those attending after-school clubs but this is under review for the academic year 2024/5.

Arrangements, protocols and requirements for the running of The School Bus will be in line with the prevailing government guidance at the time of the service. The fee is paid 'termly' and is for morning and afternoon travel, each School day. This is whether your child travels one way or both or on selected days of travel.

"Our first days of using the new bus route and its going very smoothly, so thank you!"

Parent of Y4 pupil

Public Transport

Senior School bus travel

All children travel for free on TfL buses with a Zip Oyster Photocard. However, TfL are intending to suspend free travel on buses for those aged 10 -18. No date has been confirmed for this change.

Buses 143, 214, 263 & 603 stop directly outside the Senior School entrance.

The 210 stops 2 minute's walk away in Highgate Village by South Grove.

Buses 43 & 134 both stop in Archway Road by Southwood Lane, an 8-10 minute walk to the Senior School.

The W5 stops on Highgate Hill near Hornsey Lane, an 8-10 minute walk. TfL bus route 4 stops further down Highgate Hill near Magdala Avenue a 12-15 minute walk.

Junior School bus travel

Buses 210 & 603 stop on Hampstead Lane by Bishopswood Road which is the location of The Junior School.

Buses 143, 214 & 263 stop directly outside the Senior School & by using the path through St. Michaels School and our own School grounds it is a 5 minute walk to the Junior School.

Foot, bicycle or scooter

The School actively encourages cycling to school, cycle & scooter storage is available at all our sites.

Bishopswood Road has a designated cycle area marked out for safe access to the Junior School and Pre-prep. For pupil safety, the Pre-Prep and Junior Schools are located within a "School Street" zone. Apart from School buses, no car access is permitted at School drop off & pickup times: 8am-9.15am and 3pm-4.30pm.

Travelling by tube

Children under 11 free and 11-17 pay a child fare with a TfL Zip Oyster Photocard.

Highgate Tube Station is on The Northern Line (High Barnet Branch).

Highgate station is an 8-10 minute walk to the Senior School. The walk to the Junior School is 5-6 minutes more.

For further details on tube & bus routes, visit the TfL Journey Planner at www.tfl.gov.uk

TfL Overground

The nearest TfL over ground station is Upper Holloway, approximately a 20 minute walk to The Senior School.



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