



School Travel 2018-19 Information Sheet

Replacement Bus Services

Richmond School is pleased to be able confirm that it will be responsible for running two bus routes from September 2018.

The **RS1 Bedale Bus** provides transport for students traveling from Masham and Bedale, as well as picking up students from Catterick Garrison.

The **RS2 Catterick Village & Garrison Bus** provides transport for those students travelling from Catterick Village and the Garrison.

From September 2018 the **Wensleydale Bus**, that provides transport for students travelling from Middleham and Leyburn, will be managed by **St Francis Xavier School**.

Routes for the above services have been agreed in principle with the coach operators (please see timetables for full details), which may need some further minor adjustment in September to ensure that the timetables are set at the optimum times for all pickup points.

SFX also run a number of other services from **Northallerton, Leeming Bar and Romanby**, and if you would like to travel on any of these services please contact Richmond School for further information.

All bus pass applications for the above services by students who attend Richmond School must be returned to the Finance Office at Richmond School and NOT to SFX or North Yorkshire County Council. Application forms, timetables and bank mandate instructions are all available to download via the school website, and a dedicated email address has been set up buses@richmondschool.net, to receive applications and deal with any queries you may have.

School Travel Support/ Paid Travel Permits

Pupils of compulsory school age are entitled to free school transport if they live beyond the statutory walking distance, which is 3 miles for students in years 7 to 11. It is North Yorkshire County Council's responsibility to make arrangements for all eligible children to travel to school in safety and comfort, but it is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure that children attend school.

If children attend a school that is not the nearest or normal school (ie the school the Local Authority has decided will serve your home address), parents are usually responsible for all the travel arrangements and costs. Permits are available to purchase from Passenger Transport Services if there are seats on a vehicle hired for children who are entitled to free transport.

The Council advises that decisions about your preferences of school should not be based on current availability of transport, as places are reviewed on an annual basis and may not be available every year.

If you have any questions regarding North Yorkshire County Council's school transport provision, please ring the School Transport Team on 01609 533693 or email schooltransport@northyorks.gov.uk. Alternatively, please consult North Yorkshire County Council's website www.northyorks.gov.uk and then select 'Education and Learning' from the menu, followed by 'School & College Transport'. You will find detailed information about the local authority's school transport policy, including how to apply for a bus pass or a paid transport permit and also links to school bus routes and timetables.

Alternative Transport

The main alternative transport provider between Richmond School and Colburn/ Catterick Garrison is the X26/X27 service run by Arriva. This service is extremely busy, and to date no commitment has been made by Arriva to increase the size and number of buses operating on this route.

Future Provision

Ongoing commitment to the use of the RS1, RS2 and SFX bus services will be essential for them to be able to continue, and if numbers start to drop then the services may need to be withdrawn.

Unfortunately, it is likely that home to school transport provision will continue to reduce in future years. **Whilst the school will do all that it can to help, it should be remembered that parents of students attending Richmond School from out of catchment are ultimately responsible for all transport arrangements and costs.**

If you have any further queries regarding the replacement bus services being provided by Richmond School or SFX please do not hesitate to get in touch via buses@richmondschool.net