



# BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT For the Academic Year 2024-2025

### **Information and enquiries:**

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## Route information

For the academic year 2024/25 there will be 10 routes serving Barnard Castle School.

We have reviewed routes for 2024/25 and made a number of changes. Routes with changes are in **green** text

Route	Destination	Operator
<b>Route 1</b>	Darlington	Hodgsons Coaches
<b>Route 2</b>	Middleton St George/Hurworth/Scotch Corner	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 3	Newton Aycliffe	Hodgsons Coaches
<b>Route 4</b>	Durham/Bishop Auckland	Hodgsons Coaches
<b>Route 5</b>	Leeming Bar/Richmond	Hodgsons Coaches
<b>Route 6</b>	<b>Wolviston/Sedgefield/Coatham Munderville/ Burtree (NEW ROUTE)</b>	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 7	Stanhope	Weardale Motors
Route 8	Kirkby Stephen/Brough	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 9	Melmerby	Hodgsons Coaches
<b>Route 10</b>	Crathorne/Eaglescliffe	Hodgsons Coaches

## Travelling Days 2024/25

Each route has a daily rate by stop and bus fees are charged termly in advance and are calculated by the number of travelling days per term.

Term	Number of Travelling Days	
	Senior	Prep
Michaelmas	75	64
Lent	57	53
Trinity	62	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>164</b>

## Bus Passes

Please make us aware of your transport requirements as soon as possible and **at the latest by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024** to allow us to review and confirm current arrangements.

Spaces on our bus service are limited and priority will be given to those requiring a full 5 or 6 days return service. This is to ensure that the service is running at maximum capacity.

### **Full Pass**

Permits travel on 6 mornings and 6 evenings per week for Senior School pupils and 5 mornings and 5 evenings per week for Prep School pupils.

### **Half Pass**

This is the minimum requirement to travel on school transport and is charged at 60% of a full pass. Two options are available:

#### **1. Morning/Evening Pass**

Permits travel on either 6 mornings, or 6 evenings (5 for Prep) per week on one route. This pass is not inter-changeable between AM and PM.

#### **2. Three Day Pass**

Permits return travel on **three specified days** per week on one route. It is not possible to select single journeys over more than three days. It is not possible to change the days week by week.

### **Study Leave Pass**

Provides discount on a Full Pass during the Summer Term. The price of this pass reflects reduced travelling days for Year 11 and Y13 pupils sitting external examinations. The discount is confirmed once external examination and study leave dates are finalised.

### **Single Journey Bus Chit**

Permits a single, one-way journey on any day. These are subject to limited availability on the bus route and cannot be guaranteed. Pupils should check with General Office for seat availability, prior to travel, and they will be provided with a bus chit for the journey which will be charged to the school bill. A bus chit is charged at £8.00 per journey.

### **Booking Form**

To reserve a place on any of the bus routes please complete the booking form [here](#).

### **Cancellation and amendments**

We require **one half term's notice** in writing to [transport@barneyschool.org.uk](mailto:transport@barneyschool.org.uk) for cancellation or changes to transport arrangements. Failure to do so will result in charges remaining payable. This is due to the contractual commitments made by the School to Bus Operators.

### **Barnard Castle School Transport Commitment**

Barnard Castle School will make every effort to ensure, wherever possible, the safe transportation of all children to and from school at the agreed times and locations.

All bus operators have worked with the School for many years. Risk assessments are completed for all routes and all drivers are subject to safer recruitment procedures and DBS checks.

In the event of an emergency or delay, the bus operators have emergency procedures including

contact numbers for duty staff who will attend any emergency without delay. Parents will always be contacted by text message or if required by phone call, of any delays.

Staff members are on the School drive each day for arrivals and departures and they are the first point of contact for pupils when arriving at school, and the last when departing.

### **Unforeseen variations within the academic year**

Should there be a Public Health requirement to continue to operate in a healthy and safe manner on school transport in 2024/25, parents will be provided with latest guidance prior to the start of the academic year, or as and when guidance is issued.

Any impact on daily operating costs including but not limited to fuel cost inflation will be subject to change and will be implemented by half term. Cost increases for second half of terms will be applied in arrears and will be communicated as soon as we are able to advise.

### **Parent/Guardian/Fee payer Transport 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.

Parents are expected to read and understand the conditions of travel and discuss the conditions with your child/ren prior to travelling. Parents are asked to support Barnard Castle School in ensuring the conditions are followed by their child/children.

### **Pupil Transport Commitment**

Pupils are expected to understand and follow the conditions of travel. Pupils should speak to their Tutor or HSM in the first instance should they have any questions or concerns about travelling on school transport.

## TIMETABLES

Timetables are fixed for the entire academic year. On rare occasions, there may be a possibility of timing changes during the year to reflect traffic flow or weather conditions.

Daily rates (applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)

**Route changes are in green text**

<b>Route 1 Darlington</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
<b>Dolphin Centre – Town Hall, Feethams</b>	<b>0750</b>	1808	1305	8.90
Beechwood Avenue Bus Stop	0755	1803	1300	8.90
Cleveland Avenue End	0757	1758	1258	8.90
Carmel Road Roundabout	0759	1753	1256	8.90
Edinburgh Drive	0803	1748	1252	8.90
Low Coniscliffe	0804	1746	1250	8.90
Merrybent	0805	1745	1248	8.90
High Coniscliffe	0807	1744	1247	8.90
Piercebridge Bus Shelter	0809	1742	1246	8.26
Gainford, Cross Keys	0816	1734	1239	7.76
School	0840	1710	1215	

<b>Route 2 Middleton St George/Hurworth</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
<b>Middleton St George – Dinsdale Bus Stop</b>	<b>07.45</b>	1807	13.02	9.28
Hurworth – All Saints Church AM, Spar Shop PM	0753	1759	1257	9.28
Opposite Comet Hotel, Croft	0758	1754	1252	9.28
Barton, Wells Lane End	0809	1743	1243	8.26
Middleton Tyas – stop near Shoulder of Mutton	0820	1732	1235	8.26
Scotch Corner Services – Coach Park	0821	1731	1232	8.26
School	0837	1715	1215	

<b>Route 3 Newton Aycliffe</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Woodham Way – first stop, golf course end	0752	1803	1303	9.28
Heighington Green Shelter	0808	1747	1247	9.28
Walworth Castle	0815	1737	1237	9.08
Ingleton Church	0822	1733	1233	8.26
School	0840	1715	1215	

<b>Route 4 Durham/ Bishop Auckland</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Durham- Bow School	0740	1809	1309	10.93
Tudhoe Victory Club	0752	1802	1302	10.30
Bracks Farm Car Park	0802	1752	1252	8.26
Bishop Auckland Market Place- Weatherspoons	0807	1748	1248	8.26
Etherley Lane- Opposite Dene Hall Drive	0811	1743	1243	8.26
Mason's Arms Etherley Dene	0813	1741	1241	8.26
School	0840	1715	1215	

<b>Route 5 Leeming Bar/Richmond</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
<b>Leeming Bar – Services</b>	0740	1815	1315	10.30
Catterick Garrison – opposite Aldi	0800	1755	1255	9.66
Queens Road Richmond	0812	1743	1243	8.26
Top of Gilling Road	0817	1738	1238	8.26
Gilling West Bus Stop	0825	1730	1230	8.26
School	0840	1715	1215	

<b>Route 6 Wolviston /Sedgefield</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
<b>Wolviston Services</b>	0740	1810	1310	10.93
<b>Sedgefield Travel Lodge</b>	0752	1758	1258	8.80
<b>Newton Park Services, Coatham Munderville</b>	0805	1746	1246	8.50
<b>Burtree Gate</b>	0810	1741	1241	8.26
<b>School</b>	0836	1715	1215	

<b>Route 7 Stanhope</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Stanhope – Horn Hall	0740	1817	1317	9.66
Stanhope- Bonnymoor Hen	0742	1815	1315	9.66
Wolsingham Market Place	0751	1806	1306	8.89
Fir Tree	0759	1758	1258	8.89
Witton le Wear -Church	0806	1751	1251	8.89
Toft Hill – Sportsman’s Inn	0818	1739	1239	8.26
<b>Toft Hill – Three Tuns West</b>	0820	1737	1237	8.26
West Auckland – Eden Arms	0823	1734	1234	8.26
Evenwood Gate	0825	1732	1232	8.26
<b>Staindrop</b>	0830	1727	1227	7.00
School	0842	1715	1215	

<b>Route 8 Kirkby Stephen/ Bowes</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Kirkby Stephen Market Place	0800	1755	N/A	9.66
Church Brough – Road End	0810	1745	N/A	9.66
Bowes – Old Council Depot	0830	1725	N/A	7.00
School	0840	1715	N/A	

Please note that this bus operates only on a Saturday morning. There is no return journey on a Saturday due to school fixtures.

<b>Route 9 Melmerby</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Melmerby – Melmerby Green Road	0755	1805	1305	10.93
School	0840	1715	1215	

<b>Route 10 Crathorne/ Eaglescliffe</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Crathorne – Crathorne Arms	0745	1800	1300	12.71
<b>Eglescliffe School Bus Stop, Urray Nook Road, Eaglescliffe</b>	0755	1750	1250	10.80
School	0840	1715	1215	

Note: *Timings may alter dependant on traffic.* Barnard Castle School reserves the right to cancel a service or curtail a route if insufficient demand.

## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

The following conditions are for the safety and comfort of all passengers. All pupils travelling must comply with the conditions of travel at all times. Any breach of these conditions may result in the withdrawal of a bus pass without refund. The receipt of a bus pass confirms that the pupil is committed to adhering to the conditions of travel.

- Pupils must be at the stop **five minutes** before the timetabled time, and be waiting at the bus stop ready to board the bus.
- Parents of Prep School children should ensure that there is someone waiting at the bus stop for their child on the return journey.
- Pupils must wear seat belts at all times while the vehicle is in motion. **This is a legal requirement.**
- Pupils are to remain in their seats whilst the vehicle is in motion.
- The driver is not to be distracted whilst the vehicle is in motion.
- Pupils must not board or dismount the bus at any other bus stop than their requested stop.
- Pupils must carry their bus passes with them at all times when travelling on the school bus.
- Parents are asked not to park in the area allocated as the pick-up/drop off stops for buses, as this may cause risk to pupils getting on and off the bus.
- Parents are asked to be considerate to residents living close to bus stops when dropping off and picking up and to park safely.
- Passes are only valid for the dates shown and the agreed route and stop.
- Passes are not transferable between pupils or for different routes.
- Three day passes are for specified days and are not flexible.
- Inappropriate behaviour or any damage will be reported and investigated. In addition to school sanctions, it may also result in passes being withdrawn without refund. The cost of repairs will be the responsibility of the pupil.
- School rules and the behaviour policy apply to all pupils travelling on school transport.
- Chewing gum is not permitted on any school bus.
- Eating and/or drinking is only permitted at the discretion of the driver/Bus Operator. Pupils **must** remove their litter when leaving the coach and dispose of it properly. Please be respectful of others and property whilst eating and/or drinking on a school bus.
- CCTV and tracking devices are used on most routes and may be used to investigate incidents.
- Pupils should be dressed in full school uniform when travelling on school transport. In exceptional circumstances if there is a limited time to change into full uniform following an activity before boarding the bus, full school tracksuit may be worn. Under no circumstances should pupils board a school bus in 'muddy' sports kit, they must change into clean clothing and shoes before travelling.
- Bags and/or any other items must not obstruct the aisles at any time.
- Pupils should ensure devices and expensive items are well protected if placed in the under-bus storage. **The Bus Operator or School will not be liable for any damage to such items.**
- Pupils are responsible for all personal belongings. **If items are left on the bus, it is the responsibility of the pupil to contact the bus company to check if it has been found.** The Bus Operator is not under obligation to return items of lost property to school.