



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL TRANSPORT For the Academic Year 2022-2023

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Route information

For the academic year 2022/23 there will be 10 routes serving Barnard Castle School.

| Route | Destination | Operator |
|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| Route 1 | Darlington | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 2 | Hurworth/Scotch Corner | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 3 | Newton Aycliffe | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 4 | Durham | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 5 | Leeming Bar/Richmond | Proctors |
| Route 6 | Bishop Auckland | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 7 | Stanhope | Weardale Motors |
| Route 8 | Kirkby Stephen/Brough | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 9 | Melmerby | Hodgsons Coaches |
| Route 10 | Crathorne | Hodgsons Coaches |

Travelling Days 2022/23

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 | 76 | 66 |
| Lent | 56 | 49 |
| Trinity | 55 | 47 |
| Total | 187 | 162 |

Bus Passes

Please make us aware of your transport requirements as soon as possible and **at the latest by Friday 1st July 2022** 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.

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 and will be provided with a bus chit for the journey which will be charged to the school bill. A bus chit is charged at £6.00 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 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.

Unforeseen variations within the academic year

Should there be a Public Health requirement to continue to operate in a COVID secure manner on school transport in 2022/23, 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/ren.

Pupil Transport Commitment

Pupils are expected to understand and follow the conditions of travel. Pupils should speak to their Tutor or Class Teacher 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 1st September 2022)

| Route 1 Darlington | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Beechwood Avenue Bus Stop | 0755 | 1803 | 1300 | 8.89 |
| Cleveland Avenue End | 0757 | 1758 | 1258 | 8.89 |
| Carmel Road Roundabout | 0759 | 1753 | 1256 | 8.89 |
| Edinburgh Drive | 0803 | 1748 | 1252 | 8.89 |
| Low Coniscliffe | N/A | 1746 | 1250 | 8.89 |
| Merrybent | 0805 | 1745 | 1248 | 8.89 |
| High Coniscliffe | 0807 | 1744 | 1247 | 8.89 |
| Piercebridge Bus Shelter | 0809 | 1742 | 1246 | 8.26 |
| Gainford, Cross Keys | 0816 | 1734 | 1239 | 7.76 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 2 Hurworth/Scotch Corner | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Hurworth – All Saints Church AM, Spar Shop PM | 0750 | 1800 | 1257 | 9.28 |
| Opposite Comet Hotel, Croft | 0755 | 1755 | 1252 | 9.28 |
| Barton, Wells Lane End | 0806 | 1744 | 1243 | 8.26 |
| Middleton Tyas – stop near Shoulder of Mutton | 0812 | 1738 | 1235 | 8.26 |
| Scotch Corner Services – Coach Park | 0815 | 1735 | 1232 | 8.26 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 3 Newton Aycliffe | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Woodham Way – first stop, golf course end | 0752 | 1756 | 1303 | 9.28 |
| Heighington Green Shelter | 0808 | 1742 | 1247 | 9.28 |
| Walworth Castle | 0815 | 1736 | 1237 | 9.08 |
| Ingleton Church | 0822 | 1728 | 1233 | 8.26 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 4 Durham | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Durham- Bow School | 0740 | 1755 | 1250 | 10.93 |
| Tudhoe Victory Club | 0752 | 1743 | 1236 | 10.30 |
| Bracks Farm Car Park | 0809 | 1726 | 1225 | 8.26 |
| South Church – opposite Church | 0813 | 1722 | 1227 | 8.26 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 5 Leeming Bar/Richmond | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Leeming Bar – Reubens Hotel | 0740 | 1810 | 1315 | 10.30 |
| Catterick Garrison – opposite Aldi | 0800 | 1750 | 1255 | 9.66 |
| Queens Road Richmond | 0812 | 1738 | 1243 | 8.26 |
| Top of Gilling Road | 0817 | 1733 | 1238 | 8.26 |
| Gilling West Bus Stop | 0825 | 1725 | 1230 | 8.26 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 6 Bishop Auckland | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Hunwick – Quarry Burn | 0748 | 1800 | 1310 | 9.28 |
| Bishop Auckland Market Place – Weatherspoons | 0758 | 1752 | 1258 | 9.28 |
| Etherley Lane – Opposite Dene Hall Drive | 0803 | 1747 | 1253 | 8.26 |
| Etherley Lane – Mason’s Arms | 0806 | 1744 | 1249 | 8.26 |
| Etherley Cricket Club | 0810 | 1740 | 1245 | 8.26 |
| Staindrop Bus Shelter | 0826 | 1724 | 1229 | 7.00 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 7 Stanhope | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Stanhope – Horn Hall | 0740 | 1815 | 1310 | 9.66 |
| Stanhope- Bonnymoor Hen | 0742 | 1813 | 1308 | 9.66 |
| Wolsingham Market Place | 0753 | 1802 | 1257 | 8.89 |
| Fir Tree | 0802 | 1753 | 1248 | 8.89 |
| Witton le Wear -Church | 0807 | 1748 | 1243 | 8.89 |
| Toft Hill – Sportsman’s Inn | 0815 | 1740 | 1235 | 8.26 |
| West Auckland – Eden Arms | 0820 | 1735 | 1230 | 8.26 |
| Evenwood Gate | 0826 | 1716 | 1225 | 8.26 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 8 Kirkby Stephen/ Bowes | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Kirkby Stephen Market Place | 0800 | 1755 | N/A | 9.66 |
| Church Brough – Road End | 0810 | 1747 | N/A | 9.66 |
| Bowes – Old Council Depot | 0830 | 1725 | N/A | 7.00 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 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.

| Route 9 Melmerby | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Melmerby – Nidds Transport, Melmerby Green Lane | 0755 | 1800 | 1305 | 10.93 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

| Route 10 Crathorne | Outbound | Return | Sat Return | Daily Rate £ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Crathorne – Crathorne Arms | 0745 | 1800 | 1300 | 12.71 |
| School | 0840 | 1710 | 1215 | |

Note: 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 ready to board the bus.
- 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.
- Passes are only valid for the dates shown and the agreed route and stop.
- Passes are not transferable between pupils or for different routes.
- 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.