



# BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT For the Academic Year 2025-2026

### **Information and enquiries:**

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## Route information

For the academic year 2025/26 there will be 10 routes serving Barnard Castle School.

Route	Destination	Operator
Route 1	Darlington	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 2	Middleton St George/Hurworth /Scotch Corner	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 3	Newton Aycliffe	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 4	Durham/ Bishop Auckland	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 5	Leeming Bar/Richmond	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 6	Wolviston /Wynyard /Coatham Munderville /Faverdale	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 7	Stanhope	Weardale Motors
Route 8	Kirkby Stephen/Brough	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 9	Ripon	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 10	Crathorne / Eaglescliffe	Hodgsons Coaches

## Travelling Days 2025/26

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	72	63
Lent	61	53
Trinity	56	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>164</b>

## Bus Passes

Please make us aware of your transport requirements as soon as possible and **at the latest by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025** 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 day 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, or 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 [School Transport Form 2025.26](#)

### **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 2025/26, 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 , HSM or Class Teacher in the first instance should they have any questions or concerns about travelling on school transport.

## TIMETABLES

Timetables and bus stops 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. **Please do not ask the bus driver to stop anywhere other than the agreed bus stops.**

Daily rates (applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025)

<b>Route 1 Darlington</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Dolphin Centre- Town Hall, Feethams GCFW+FJ Darlington (STAND T)	0750	1808	1305	8.90
Beechwood Avenue Bus Stop GCCP+H6 Darlington	0755	1803	1300	8.90
Cleveland Avenue End GC9J+XR Darlington	0757	1758	1258	8.90
Carmel Road Roundabout GC9F+58 Darlington (Sir ED Walker Homes)	0759	1753	1256	8.90
Edinburgh Drive GC93+8W Darlington	0803	1748	1252	8.90
Low Coniscliffe G9FP+22 Darlington	0804	1746	1250	8.90
Merrybent G9GG+27 Darlington G9GC+M4 Darlington	0805	1745	1248	8.90
High Coniscliffe G8MW+4P Darlington	0807	1744	1247	8.90
Piercebridge Bus Shelter G8QF+5J Darlington	0809	1742	1246	8.26
Gainford, Cross Keys G7W6+WC Darlington	0816	1734	1239	7.76
School	0840	1715	1215	

<b>Route 2 Middleton St George/Hurworth/Scotch Corner</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Middleton St George – Dinsdale Bus Stop GG7J+VM Darlington	0745	1807	1302	9.28
Hurworth – All Saints Church AM, Spar Shop PM FFPG+75 Darlington FFP9+G2 Darlington	0753	1759	1257	9.28
Opposite Comet Hotel, Croft FCMW+9J Darlington	0758	1754	1252	9.28
Barton, Wells Lane End F9G5+2H Barton, Richmond	0809	1743	1243	8.26
Middleton Tyas – stop near Shoulder of Mutton C8WX+H3 Middleton Tyas, Richmond	0820	1732	1235	8.26
Scotch Corner Services – Coach Park C8VM+4C Middleton Tyas, Richmond	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 JCMG+GVF Newton Aycliffe	0752	1803	1303	9.28
School Aycliffe, Eastfields Rd Stop, JC42+XH Newton Aycliffe  School Aycliffe Lane J94W+4F Newton Aycliffe	0800	1757	1256	9.28
Heighington Green Shelter H9WM+38 Newton Aycliffe	0808	1747	1247	9.28
Walworth Castle H973+MV Darlington	0815	1737	1237	9.08
Ingleton Church H7H8+3V Darlington	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 QC9F+3V Durham	0740	1810	1310	10.93
Tudhoe Victory Club PC66+GJ Spennymoor	0752	1758	1258	10.30
Bracks Farm Car Park M84R+PP Bishop Auckland (Bus stop opp car park)	0802	1748	1248	8.26
Mason's Arms, Etherley Dene M73X+WJ Bishop Auckland	0810	1740	1240	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>
Leeming Bar – Services 7CXM+H8 Bedale (Coach park)	0740	1815	1315	10.30
Catterick Garrison – opposite Aldi 97FH+J9 Catterick Garrison	0800	1755	1255	9.66
Queens Road Richmond C747+7C Richmond	0812	1743	1243	8.26
Top of Gilling Road C76F+4Q Richmond (Morrisons daily)	0817	1738	1238	8.26
C7RJ+95 Gilling West, Richmond	0822	1730	1230	8.26
School	0838	1715	1215	

<b>Route 6 Wolviston/Wynyard/ Sedgefield/Faverdale</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Wolviston Services – electric car chargers JMHV+39 Billingham	0735	1820	1320	10.93
Wynyard Hanzard Drive JMPC+4F Billingham	0740	1815	1315	10.93
Wynyard The Stables stop, The Wynd JMP2+Q2 Billingham	0745	1810	1310	10.50
Wynyard Woods, Wynyard JJRP+W9 Billingham	0750	1805	1305	
Black Lion, Sedgefield MG3X+C R Stockton-on-Tees	0803	1753	1253	8.80
Coatham Mundervill -Newton Park Services- KFC HCMP+XJ Darlington <b>KFC</b>	0815	1745	1245	8.50
Faverdale-John Fowler Way bus stop, West Auckland Road GCX7+9F Darlington	0825	1735	1235	8.26
School	0850	1715	1215	

<b>Route 7 Stanhope</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Stanhope – Horn Hall PXXJ+GX Stanhope, Bishop Auckland	0740	1817	1317	9.66
Stanhope- Bonny Moorhen PXWV+XF Stanhope, Bishop Auckland	0742	1815	1315	9.66
Wolsingham Market Place P4J8+2M Wolsingham	0751	1806	1306	8.89
Fir Tree P639+J9 Crook	0759	1758	1258	8.89
Witton le Wear -Church M6GH+C2 Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland	0806	1751	1251	8.89
Toft Hill – Sportsman’s Inn durdwjdm 13007413C	0818	1739	1239	8.26
Toft Hill – High Etherley durdwjap13007410c	0820	1737	1237	8.26
West Auckland – Eden Arms J7JF+FV West Auckland, Bishop Auckland	0823	1734	1234	8.26
Evenwood Gate J772+88 Evenwood Gate, Bishop Auckland	0825	1732	1232	8.26
Staindrop Bus Shelter H5JW+6W Darlington	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 FMF2+CC Kirkby Stephen	0800	1755	N/A	9.66
Church Brough – Road End GMCJ+VCH Kirkby Stephen	0810	1745	N/A	9.66
Bowes – Old Council Depot GX9R+2R9 Barnard Castle	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 Ripon</b>	<b>Outbound</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Sat Return</b>	<b>Daily Rate £</b>
Ripon – St Michaels Retail Park 4FQM+CR Ripon	0750	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 FM7H+2F Yarm	0745	1800	1300	12.71
Yarm - Thirsk Road, near the Lauren Beat FMX3+HCR Yarm	0750	1755		12.00
Eggescliffe School Bus Stop, Urlay Nook Road,Eaglescliffe GJ9R+24 Stockton-on-Tees	0755	1750	1250	10.80
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. **Please do not wait in cars for the bus as the driver may assume there is no one at the stop.**
- 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.
- 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/parent.
- 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.
- If the bus is delayed for any reason, parents will be informed by text as soon as school as possible.