



Barnard Castle School

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SCHOOL TRANSPORT

For the Academic Year
2026-2027

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Route Information

For the academic year 2026/27 there will be 9 routes serving Barnard Castle School

Route	Destination	Operator
Route 1	Darlington	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 2	Eaglescliffe / Hurworth / Scotch Corner	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 3	Newton Aycliffe	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 4	Durham/ Bishop Auckland	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 5	Catterick/Richmond	Hodgsons Coaches
Route 6	Wolviston /Wynyard /Coatham Munderville	Barnard Castle School
Route 7	Stanhope	Weardale Motors
Route 8	Kirkby Stephen/Brough	Barnard Castle School
Route 9	Ripon /Leeming Bar	Barnard Castle School

Travelling Days 2026/2027

Each route has a fee 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	58	50
Trinity	60	51
Total	190	164

Bus Passes

Please make us aware of your transport requirements as soon as possible and at the latest by **Friday 23rd July 2026** 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 between £8.00 - £12.00 per journey, depending on the zone.

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.

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 2026/27, 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.**

Termly rates (applicable from 1st September 2026)

	Prep			Senior			Bus Chit Single Journey
	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity	
Zone 1	£494.55	£392.50	£400.35	£565.20	£455.30	£471.00	£8.00
Zone 2	£535.50	£425.00	£433.50	£612.00	£493.00	£510.00	£8.80
Zone 3	£579.60	£460.00	£469.20	£662.40	£533.60	£552.00	£9.60
Zone 4	£601.65	£477.50	£487.05	£687.60	£553.90	£573.00	£10.40
Zone 5	£648.90	£515.00	£525.30	£741.60	£597.40	£618.00	£11.20
Zone 6	£708.75	£562.50	£573.75	£810.00	£652.50	£675.00	£12.00

<u>Route 1: Darlington</u>	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Dolphin Centre- Town Hall, FeethamsGCFW+FJ Darlington	07:50	18:08	13:05	3
Beechwood Avenue Bus Stop GCCP+H6 Darlington	07:55	18:03	13:00	3
Cleveland Avenue End GC9J+XR Darlington	07:57	17:58	12:58	3
Carmel Road Roundabout GC9F+58 Darlington (Sir ED Walker Homes)	07:59	17:53	12:56	3
Edinburgh Drive GC93+8W Darlington	08:03	17:48	12:52	3
Low Coniscliffe G9FP+22 Darlington	08:04	17:46	12:50	3
Merrybent G9GC+M4 Darlington	08:05	17:45	12:48	3
Piercebridge Bus Shelter G8QF+5J Darlington	08:09	17:42	12:46	2
Gainford, Cross Keys G7W6+WC Darlington	08:16	17:34	12:39	1
School	08:40	17:15	12:15	

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Route 2: Yarm / Hurworth / Scotch Corner	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Eggescliffe School GJ9R+24 Stockton-on-Tees	7.35	18.11	13.11	6
Hurworth – All Saints Church (AM), FFPG+75 Darlington Spar Shop (PM) FFP9+G2 Darlington	7.55	17.51	12.51	4
Opposite Comet Hotel, Croft FCMW+9J Darlington	7.59	17.47	12.47	4
Barton, Wells Lane End F9G5+2H Barton, Richmond	8.09	17.4	12.4	2
Scotch Corner Services – Coach Park C8VM+4C Middleton Tyas, Richmond	8.16	17.33	12.33	2
School	8.44	17:15	12:15	

Route 3 Newton Aycliffe	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Woodham Way – first stop, golf course end JCMG+GVF Newton Aycliffe	07:52	18:03	13:03	4
School Aycliffe, Eastfields Rd Stop, JC42+XH Newton Aycliffe	08:00	17:57	12:56	4
Heighington Green Shelter H9WM+38 Newton Aycliffe	08:08	17:47	12:47	4
Walworth Castle H973+MV Darlington	08:15	17:37	12:37	3
Ingleton Church H7H8+3V Darlington	08:22	17:33	12:33	2
School	08:40	17:15	12:15	

Route 4 Durham / Bishop Auckland	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Durham- Bow School QC9F+3V Durham	07:40	18:10	13:10	6
Tudhoe Victory Club PC66+GJ Spennymoor	07:52	17:58	12:58	5
Bracks Farm Car Park M84R+PP Bishop Auckland (Bus stop opp car park)	08:02	17:48	12:48	3
Mason's Arms, Etherley Dene M73X+WJ Bishop Auckland	08:10	17:40	12:40	2
School	08:40	17:15	12:15	

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<u>Route 5: Catterick/Richmond</u>	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Catterick Garrison – opposite Aldi 97FH+J9 Catterick Garrison	08:03	17:55	12:55	5
Queens Road Richmond C747+7C Richmond	08:15	17:43	12:43	2
Gilling West Bus Stop C7RJ+87C Gilling West, Richmond	08:22	17:30	12:30	2
School	08:40	17:15	12:15	

<u>Route 6: Wolviston/Wynyard/Sedgefield</u>	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Wolviston Services - JMHV+39 Billingham	07:35	18:10	13:10	6
Wynyard Hanzard Drive JMPC+4F Billingham	07:41	18:04	13:04	6
Wynyard , The Wynd - The Stables JMP2+Q2 Billingham	07:44	18:01	13:01	6
Wynyard - Wynyard Woods Stop, The Wynd JJRP+W9 Billingham	07:46	17:58	12:58	6
Black Lion, Sedgefield MG3X+C R Stockton-on-Tees	7.53	17:56	12:56	5
Coatham Mundervill - Newton Park Services KFC HCMP+XJ Darlington	08:06	17:43	12:43	3
School	08:39	17:15	12:15	

<u>Route 7: Stanhope</u>	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Stanhope – Horn Hall PXXJ+GX Stanhope, Bishop Auckland	07:40	18:15	13:15	5
Stanhope- Bonny Moorhen PXWV+XF Stanhope, Bishop Auckland	07:42	18:13	13:13	5
Wolsingham Market Place P4J8+2M Wolsingham	07:51	18:04	13:04	3
Fir Tree P639+J9 Crook	07:59	17:56	12:56	3
Witton le Wear -Church M6GH+C2 Witton-le-Wear, Bishop	08:06	17:49	12:49	3
Toft Hill – High Etherley durdwiap13007410	08:13	17:42	12:42	2
West Auckland – Eden Arms J7JF+FV West Auckland, Bishop	08:20	17:35	12:35	2
Evenwood Gate J772+88 Evenwood Gate, Bishop	08:25	17:30	12:30	2
Staindrop Bus Shelter H5JW+6W Darlington	08:30	17:25	12:25	1
School	08:40	17:15	12:15	

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Route 8: Kirkby Stephen/ Bowes	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Kirkby Stephen Market Place FMF2+CC Kirkby Stephen	08:00	17:44	N/A	5
Church Brough – Road End GMCJ+VCH Kirkby Stephen	08:06	17:38	N/A	5
School	08:30	17:15	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: Ripon	Outbound	Return	Sat Return	Zone
Ripon - St Michaels Retail Park 4FQM+CR Ripon	07:50	18:05	13:05	6
Leeming Bar Services 7CXM+H8 Bedale (Coach park)	8.15	17.45	12.45	5
School	08:45	17:15	12:15	

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 possible.**