

## **Information for pupils travelling to Ripley by bus**

I have been in touch with the relevant providers regarding the services for this term. They have confirmed that the services previously provided will resume from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

### **Stagecoach Services 935, 55A, 55B, 500, 501, 502, 504 (morning only),80 and 40/42**

In the local area ie Lancaster, Morecambe and Heysham (including Middleton and Overton) pupils can purchase the under 19 day rider for £2.60. This ticket allows multiple journeys to take place around the district on the day of purchase. There are weekly and monthly tickets which can work out slightly cheaper and may be more cost effective if your child travels on buses at weekends too. If you are travelling south towards Preston or Blackpool the cost of the Lancashire under 19 day rider is £4.70. Sixth formers are eligible to use these type of ticket. These tickets can be purchased with cash as well as electronically.

However if you are travelling by bus regularly on the Preston or Blackpool routes it might be worth considering a scholar termly pass. These are available on line. The pass is a smart card so refunds, replacements and amendments can be made more easily. The process to purchase these via the stagecoach website is not as straight forward as it could be! I have talked through how to get to the right place with a stagecoach representative. I have tried it and I found it so I am going to try to share it with you.

1. Search initially for [stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com)
2. Complete the 'location' tab as Lancaster
3. Click the ticket tab
4. Scroll down to the all tickets link
5. Again scroll down and click the tab for 'longer than a month'
6. Click the 'everyone' tab
7. Scroll down and there is a Ripley St Thomas Bay term 1 link where you can purchase the pass it costs £271

Phew!

## Services commissioned by LCC 487,581,582 and 567

Pupils can purchase tickets daily.

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SINGLE FARES	DAY RETURN FARE	Distance
£1.60	£3.00	Journeys up to 3 miles
£2.30	£4.10	Journeys between 3 and 8 miles
£2.80	£5.20	Journeys over 8 miles

Or there are season tickets available at the following prices.

### Season Tickets

#### Journeys up to 3 miles

£456.00

#### Journeys between 3 and 8 miles

£623.00

#### Journeys over 8 miles

£790.00

Further advice and information provided by Principal Transportation Officer LCC

- Secondary age pupils should wear a face covering when travelling on buses. This is advised even on dedicated school buses as pupils are mixing bubbles and possibly sharing transport with pupils from other school. It will be each pupil's responsibility to have a face covering so they can travel.
- It is recommended pupils should sit with peers in their year bubbles whilst on the bus. Pupils from the same schools should sit together if the service is shared.
- Face to face seating will be removed by operators.
- Standing will not be permitted.
- Pupils should allow passengers sat near the front of the bus to leave first where possible.
- It is not mandatory for bus drivers to wear masks.
- Enhanced cleaning will take place on buses.
- Windows and air vents should be left open.
- It is recommended that pupils carry their own sanitisers and use these when they get on the bus and off. They should also have tissues so they can follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Pupils are advised not to eat or drink on buses.
- Pupils should refrain from shouting.
- Ripley will take a daily register of those travelling by bus so track and trace can take place should a COVID -19 related incident occur.

- Where possible if pupils pay with cash this should have the correct change.
- There continues to be an expectation that pupils' behaviour will be impeccable. Poor behaviour will not be tolerated incidents will be reported to school.

I hope you will find the information for buses you need here. Do not forget 'Active' travel is being recommended if at all possible and lockers are available if you need them for helmet storage etc. I would also remind parents that they cannot come on to site to drop off pupils. I would recommend that the 'drop off' is a little distance from the school gate and the pupil walks the last bit using the designated crossing points for safety.

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week.