



Backwell School Transportation 2020

This document outlines travelling to and from Backwell School from September 2020.

There are significant changes so we recommend that both parents/carers and students read this document carefully so they fully understand the new processes.

Arrival and Departure from the School Site

With effect from Tuesday 1 September the school will no longer be able to accept students on site before 8.30am or after 3.15pm*.

We will not be staggering arrival times and have already communicated staggered departure times of:

- 3.00pm for Years 7 and 8
- 3.05pm for Years 9 and 10
- 3.10pm for Years 11, 12 and 13

(We hope to launch some year group specific after school clubs in the coming weeks which will be the only exception to the above.)*

There will be dedicated social spaces on the school site for students to use on arrival between 8.30-8.45am. These spaces will be outside (so students should have appropriate clothing for the weather) and will be restricted to each year group bubble.

Travelling to and from school

The late bus (5.00 pm departure Monday-Thursday) will not be running for the foreseeable future.

Coach travel to school

- Students who travel to school via home-to-school transport organised by North Somerset Council (those who live within our first geographical area).
 - North Somerset Council have surveyed parents about transport to school options.
 - The results have now been gathered and transport has been allocated accordingly.
 - Parents should receive communications directly from North Somerset Council on the arrangements for their child(ren). North Somerset Council have confirmed families will receive this information week beginning Monday 24 August.
 - Where possible, they will provide year group specific coaches. A coach will replace the train service for Year 11s from Yatton.
 - **All** students on home-to-school transport will have to wear a face covering. Any student travelling on these coaches will be denied entry if they are not wearing a face covering.

- Should parents have any issues/concerns about this provision they need to contact North Somerset Council directly.
- Students who travel to school on school organised coach transport (those living outside of the catchment area, for example Long Ashton and Bristol whose parents pay for a coach seat)
 - A reminder that parents have the legal responsibility to transport their child to school if they live outside of the first geographical area and may like to investigate alternative forms of transport.
 - Regrettably, due to reduced demand and restrictions related to COVID-19, we are unable to run the minibus services this academic year (2020-21). Those parents who had booked a place on this service have been communicated with directly.
 - Parents who responded to our survey requesting a place on a coach (coming from Long Ashton or Bristol) will be contacted directly week commencing 24 August to confirm the specific arrangements for their child(ren) as we are currently able to run this service.
 - Coaches will be zoned/restricted to specific year group bubbles and students will be expected to sit in a specific area of the coach. Students will be told where to wait in the carpark if the coach is delayed
 - **All** students on this mode of transport will have to wear a face covering and will be denied entry if they do not have one.

Pedestrians – those who travel to school on foot

- Students are encouraged to walk to school where possible. This will ease traffic in the local area and demand on public transport.
- Your child should observe social distancing on their walk to school and should not associate with those outside of their year group bubble.
- Parents should speak to their children about road safety prior to them walking to school.
- To limit footfall on Station Road students walking to school via the A370 should use the pedestrian gates alongside the leisure centre to enter the school site.

Cyclists

- Students are encouraged to cycle to school where possible.
- Cyclists must ensure they bring a cycle lock to school and wear a helmet whilst on their bike.
- Students living in Long Ashton have an opportunity to take part in a 'Route Planning Led Ride' coordinated by Lifecycle UK. This will take place on Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September when the school has INSET days. More details be found on the flyer below or by emailing Frances@lifecycleuk.org.uk. These dates give students an opportunity to practice their cycle route to and from school and this scheme could be rolled out to other locations in future if it proves popular.
- All students coming from the A370 should use the pedestrian gate next to the leisure centre to enter the school site.

Pick up and drop off by car

- With effect from September, cars will not be allowed on site to drop off or collect students. North Somerset Council will be applying traffic enforcement measures on Meadow Close and many of the roads leading off Station Road.

Park & Stride:

We are proud to announce our new collaboration with local businesses. The following two locations will be allowing parents to use their carparks at both morning drop off and afternoon collection times:

- The Rising Sun, West Town Road, BS48 3BH¹
- Nailsea and Backwell Train Station, Station Road, BS48 3LH

In addition, the following business will allow parents to drop off in the morning only (please do not use for collection):

- The George at Backwell, Farleigh Road, BS48 3PG

Students being dropped on the A370 (The Rising Sun and The George) are asked to enter the school via the pedestrian gates next to the Leisure Centre. Only those being dropped at the train station should enter via Meadow Close.

- North Somerset Council is hoping to provide some floor markings on the surrounding pavements to support the flow of pedestrians and to reinforce social distancing.
- Parents must not use the Backwell Leisure Centre car park for collecting and dropping off their children.
- Parents must also be mindful of residents in the local area, please do not park in neighbouring roads to collect your child. Local residents will contact the police if parked vehicles are causing an obstruction or nuisance and you will be liable for a fine if you break traffic enforcement restrictions.

Public transport

- If you choose to transport your child to school via public transport please ensure you check the latest timetables as they may have changed.
- **All** students on public transport will have to wear a face covering.

Sixth Form Students

- We have taken the difficult decision to stop sixth form students from parking on site. This is to free up vital car parking spaces for members of staff.
- In the short term, students will be allowed to park in the Leisure Centre car park with a school approved permit. Please contact the Sixth Form Team to apply – places will be limited.

¹ Please see final page for details of special offers from the Rising Sun

SPECIAL OFFERS FROM THE RISING SUN

Our partners at the Rising Sun have kindly extended the following offers in conjunction with the Park & Stride scheme:

7.30 am to 9.30 am – Breakfast offer

20% off all hot drinks and breakfasts



3.00 pm to 5.30 pm – After school offer

20% off all hot drinks and a slice of cake

Both offers are available to all Backwell School parents and carers using the Park & Stride scheme. Students under 18 will be included when they accompany their parent or carer.



THINKING OF CYCLING TO SCHOOL?



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