



Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you regarding travelling to school when your child(ren) joins us in September.

Home-to-School Transport

If you live in our first geographical area, but more than 3 miles away from the school (i.e. Yatton, Kingston Seymour, Cleeve, Claverham, Barrow Gurney etc.) your child will be entitled to home-to-school transport organised by North Somerset Council.

They will be in touch with you directly, mostly likely over the summer holiday, to confirm the travel arrangements for your child(ren). Should you have any queries or questions about this provision you will need to contact the Council directly.

Out-of-Catchment Coach Service

The School organises coach transport for those living outside of our first geographical area. This service is optional, and is paid for by parent; therefore there must be enough demand for these services to be able to run each year.

From September we are currently planning to run parental funded coach transport for those living in Long Ashton and Bristol.

[Please CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about this provision, costs and how to apply. Deadline for applications is 12noon on Friday 2 July.

If you already have children at Backwell School this link for out-of-catchment transport has also been included in the email home to parents.

Other modes of Transport to School

Students are welcome to cycle to school; please ensure they are appropriately dressed and wearing a helmet for their own safety. There is a bike shed in which they can store their bike safely – they will need to bring a bike lock with them.

Some children will use public transport to get to school (either bus or train). Please check the public transport timetables regularly as changes can be made to services throughout the year and children will need to use a service that ensures they will arrive at school on time.

Please note that should you plan to drive your child(ren) to school you will not be able to drive onto the school site. This is due to the large number of children and coaches arriving and is for their safety. You will need to drop your child off at a safe location near the school so they can make the final part of their journey on foot. Please note that there are council enforced access restrictions on key roads around the school site which affect collecting and dropping off your child.

However your child will be getting to school in September please do speak to them about travelling safely and the highway code.

Kind regards
Backwell School