

Terms & Conditions

1. This agreement is made between users of the School Transport Service, their parents and Bede's in order to provide safe and comfortable journeys for all passengers.
2. Arrangements for pupils' journeys to and from the School are the responsibility of their parents/guardians. To assist with discharging this responsibility, Bede's provides a School Transport Service. Parents/guardians remain responsible for their child(ren) at all times
3. Regular travel, changes to bookings and ad-hoc transport on the School Transport Service must be arranged in advance via the online booking system which can be found on the School's weSeniorite or via bedes.vectare.co.uk. Ad hoc bookings can only be made up until the evening before at 11:59pm
4. Variations to booked transport, or travel on the School Transport Service, without pre-booking, will result in charges added to the termly bill.
5. The Late Bus Service should be booked in advance for the week ahead. This can be amended from Monday that week. The cut-off time is at 11:10am each day (Mon-Thu) Any regular bookings can be moved to the late bus free of charge. Late buses are subject to sign ups. If no sign ups are made for a particular bus, this bus may not be available.
6. Bookings on the School Transport Service are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel. A full term's notice in writing, to the Transport Department, is required for withdrawal from the School Bus Service. This condition applies even in the event of a pupil being given permission to drive to School.
7. Each pupil for whom an online booking has been submitted by the parent/guardian will be added to a bus passenger list detailing the service they travel on, their bus stop and what travel has been paid for. Their name will appear on a list, which will be checked by the driver daily and by other staff from time to time.
8. Pupils must travel to and from Bede's in full school uniform. Sports kit or non-uniform can only be worn when permission has been granted.
9. Pupils should be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled time of departure to ensure they don't miss the service. Drivers will not wait at a stop beyond the scheduled departure time.
10. Parents/guardians of pupils in Year 8 and below must be present at the bus stop to meet their children off the bus. In cases where a parent is not present, the pupil will remain on the service for the rest of the route and will be returned to School if no contact with the parent/guardian is made. Permission to walk home for Years 6, 7 and 8 can be given via a form that is included in the Prep Newsletter and on the Vectare website side panel.
11. Good conduct is required at all times. Bullying, shouting, use of foul language, dropping litter, playing music, or any other misbehaviour is strictly forbidden. Pupils are not permitted to consume food or drink whilst travelling on the School buses unless by specific prior arrangement – this includes chewing Gum. Pupils must ensure that any online activity does not cause distress to others or contravene the School's Acceptable Use policy.
12. CCTV for monitoring purposes is in operation on the services for the safety of passengers and staff. Tampering with this equipment could result in disciplinary action.
13. The cost of any deliberate damage to the buses by pupils, will be recharged to the parents or guardians of that pupil.
14. Except when embarking or disembarking, or when instructed to move to a different seat in accordance with condition 15, all passengers must remain seated with their seatbelts fastened correctly. Any passengers failing to adhere to wearing a seatbelt are subject to a formal warning. If failure to comply a second time the passenger will be removed from our School's Transport Service.
15. Whilst using the School Transport Service, all passengers must accept without question the authority of a member of Bede's staff or a Driver who may ask them to obey any reasonable instruction such as to pick up litter, desist from certain actions or to move to a different seat.
16. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the School Transport Service.
17. Bede's School and the coach companies aim for all School Transport Services to operate within the industry tolerance of one minute early to five minutes late, however timings may vary due to traffic conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Bede's cannot be held responsible if the School Transport Service is late owing to circumstances beyond its control.
18. By using the School's Transport Service you are agreeing to adhere to any rules, regulations and terms and conditions that are outlined in any of our policies.
19. Bede's reserves the right to vary bus fares without prior notice for upcoming terms as necessary.