

SEPTEMBER 2017

TRANSPORT TO DARTFORD AND WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

(Please read fully and carefully to avoid any mistakes when choosing mode of transport)

Most students live quite a long way from school, and not many can walk to school.

Use of cars to transport children to and from school is discouraged in view of the congestion caused on the roads in the vicinity of the schools, and **parents or other adults are not allowed to drive on to any of the schools' premises** to deliver and pick up their children at the start and finish of the school day.

- Parents should try to ensure that students know their own way to and from school by public transport should this ever be necessary.
- Enquiries can be made at local Rail Stations about season tickets to Dartford.
- Your **Local Education Authority** *may* pay for transport to the School and, if you feel you qualify, you should **apply direct to them**. (**Not** to the schools and **not** to Transport Organisers)
- **LONDON BOROUGH RESIDENTS** should contact **Transport for London** for inf.on Oyster cards - <https://oyster.tfl.gov.uk/oyster/entry.do> - (**London** free '**Oyster**' Cards apply on *some* Public Transport Routes through Dartford (to Bluewater)
- **KENT'S Young person's travel pass** for **KENT RESIDENT** students on **Public Transport** - details can be found on their internet site <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/school-transport/young-persons-travel-pass>

▪  **Main Transport Options are as follows:** 

1) **NORTH KENT SCHOOL TRANSPORT** (www.NKST.co.uk) currently carry approximately 500 students on **private hire coaches** direct to the schools from the areas and pickup points shown on the application form **overleaf**.

(The Application Form is for places on **North Kent School Transport coaches only, not public transport buses**)

It is essential that you apply for a place, **as soon as you have confirmed acceptance of the school place**, as these are filled quickly (although **all applications received by 31st May** are guaranteed a place for the following September).

Places are for **full both-ways** travel and are payable termly in advance (invoices are sent before the beginning of each old style term - Autumn, Spring, Summer), or by monthly standing order. (For information purposes only, the approximate **current** "daily return" costs are shown on the form overleaf).

There are no discounts for siblings, or parents on social security etc.

2) (a) **WEST KENT BUSES** - <http://www.westkentbuses.co.uk> - (from West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, Otford, Shoreham, Farningham, Eynsford, Sutton-at-Hone, Horton Kirby, Swanley, Joydens Wood, Vigo, Meopham, Istead, Gravesend, Greenhithe, Swanscombe, Stone) operate ***dedicated School Public Transport routes*** (accepting *Young person's travel pass*) to the Wilmington and Dartford Grammar schools

(b) **GO COACH-** <http://www.go-coach.co.uk> - (from West Kingsdown, Farningham, Eynsford, Sutton-at-Hone, Swanley, Hextable, Petts Wood, Orpington), operate ***dedicated School Public Transport routes*** (accepting *Young person's travel pass*) to the Wilmington and Dartford Grammar schools.

(c) **1st Bus Stop** - <http://www.1stbusstop.co.uk/route-4/> - from New Ash Green, Hartley, Longfield, New Barn, Southfleet) operate ***dedicated School Public Transport routes*** (accepting *Young person's travel pass*) to the Wilmington and Dartford schools.

(d) **ARRIVA Public Transport buses** service all the schools from various areas (although this may entail a change of buses in Dartford) - Route details, etc can be obtained from <http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east>. (If your area is serviced by another bus company you should contact them direct for details)

(e) **LONDON BUS routes** bus No. **601** - Thamesmead Town Centre, - Bexleyheath, Bexley, Dartford Heath, Wilmington (www.londonbusroutes.net/times/601.htm) and bus No. **96** - Woolwich, Plumstead, Welling, Bexleyheath, Crayford, Dartford West Hill. (www.londonbusroutes.net/times/096.htm)

3) **OTHER ESSEX** based private organised coaches/minibuses run from the following areas:

Thurrock, Fobbing, Stanford Le Hope, Chadwell St Mary, Tilbury East Tilbury, Grays & Chafford Hundred
and all enquiries/applications for these coaches ***will be dealt with by:***

Mrs K Okanlawon (dartfordschooltransport@gmail.com)

(NOT the schools and **NOT** North Kent School Transport)

(The North Kent School Transport application form (overleaf) is **only to be used for NKST Coaches**)

This leaflet has been produced by North Kent School Transport (www.NKST.co.uk)

See overleaf for NKST application form

APPLICATION FORM for September 2017 coach place

NORTH KENT SCHOOL TRANSPORT

(www.NKST.co.uk)

AREAS AND PICKUP POINTS

(Showing 2017-18 Approximate daily return cost (Payable TERMLY) and current earliest a.m. pickup time, in each area)

BECKENHAM	£5.85	07:15	CROFTON	£6.19	07:34	ORPINGTON	£5.61	07:42	PRATTS BOTTOM	£5.65	07:42
Beckenham Jnct			Crofton Ln/Place Farm			Avalon/Fire Stn			Pratts Bottom/Rushmore		
BELLINGHAM	£5.85	07:10	Crofton Rd/Lane			Carlton Parade			SHORTLANDS	£5.85	07:20
Bromley Rd			FARNBOROUGH	£5.65	07:31	Court Rd/Goddington In			Shortlands		
BICKLEY	£5.80	07:26	High St/Church Rd			Maxwell/Station Rd			SIDCUP	£5.50	07:45
Bickley Lights			High St/Starts Hill			Methodist Church			Station Rd/Longlands		
BLACKFEN	£5.37	07:52	Shire Lane			Orpington Hosp			The Oval		
Wellington Pde			GREEN ST GREEN	£5.65	07:35	Orpington Stn			Will Ave/Oaklands		
BROMLEY	£5.85	07:05	Glentrammon/Green Fm			Perry Hall School			Will Ave/Whiteoak		
Bromley Court Hotel			Glentrammon/Vine Rd			Ramsden Rd/Dyke Green			SOUTHBOROUGH	£5.80	07:25
Old Police Stn			Worlds End			Spur Rd- War Memorial			Crofton Rd/Lane		
Widmore Green			HALSTEAD	£5.67	07:45	Spur Rd(Court Rd Lights)			Crooked Billet		
CHELSEFIELD	£5.59	07:15	Cock Inn Shoreham Ln			The Highway/Court Rd			ST MARY CRAY	£5.67	07:22
The Crescent			Knockholt Rd/Meadway			Tintagel Rd/Eldred			Nugent Retail Park		
Warren Rd/Cloonmore			KESTON	£5.80	07:22	Tower Rd			Sevenoaks Way/Springvale		
Warren Rd/Windsor Dr			Heathfield Rd			PETTS WOOD	£5.67	07:33	Station Approach		
CHISLEHURST	£5.76	07:33	Keston Mark/Croydon Rd			PettsWood Rd/Crossway			ST PAULS CRAY	£5.56	07:17
Chislehurst Stn			NORTH CRAY	£5.44	07:40	PettsWood Rd/Poverest			Broomwood/McDonalds		
Chislehurst War Memorial			North Cray Rd			Queensway(Morrison)			Midfield Way		
						Towncourt Ln/Jersey Dr					

The prices shown above are an indication of current prices and are subject to adjustment each year.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATION FORMS TO THE SCHOOLS.

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Send completed form to

NORTH KENT SCHOOL TRANSPORT

4 Till Avenue, Farningham, Dartford, Kent DA4 0BH

I would like to reserve a Coach place for **September 2017 and enclose *£10 (family) Registration Fee**

(*Unless sibling already on coaches) Sibling name - _____

(Cheques, payable to NKST, may not be banked until after 10th May)

I understand that this fee is non-returnable unless the reservation is cancelled before 1st July 2017

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **Sept 2017 Form Year** _____ (eg:7B)

SCHOOL Wilmington/Dartford _____ (Boys, Girls)

Pickup Point (Not Area) (See list above): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____ Intial _____ Surname _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ **Parents HOME email:** _____

HOME TEL NO. _____ **Mobile Tel:** _____

Signed _____

Please note that, wherever possible, we will communicate by email, so please ensure that any email address given is checked regularly, (including weekends).