

School Bus Services and Travel Advice

Bolton Schools

Academic Year 2024/25

Summary

This booklet shows all home to school bus services as provided to schools within the Borough of Bolton.

Other booklets are available for schools across the other 9 districts of Greater Manchester and these can be found at tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-school-bus-services.

In addition to the services contained in this booklet, there is a network of general bus services which can also be used to get to and from school. Details of these can be found at tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/.

Services shown in this booklet operate only on the school days of the schools that the services operate for and will not operate during school holidays or on days when students are not in attendance. Some buses are shared between schools and in these instances, buses will operate on days that all relevant schools are in attendance unless marked on the timetable.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS - If you are using school bus information to choose your child's school, please be aware that these services are subject to change and may be withdrawn due to low use and/or a suitable public transport alternative. Any alternative may involve a journey of up to 90 minutes, use the general service network and a change of bus on route may be required.

The provision of direct school buses in the 2024/25 academic year does not indicate that these buses will be provided in future academic years and parents should consider carefully how their child may get to/from school if no school bus was provided.

Operator Contact Details

The following operators operate bus services across Bolton, if you have any lost bag queries or complaints regarding the operation of the services then please contact the operators below in the first instance.

Operator Code	Operator	Contact Details		
BBC	Blackburn Bus Company	Blackburn Bus Station, Blackburn, BB1 6HG	p	01254 670583
			w	www.transdevbus.co.uk/blackburn/
			e	hello@blackburnbus.co.uk
			t	@blackburnbusco
BGN/BVB/BDB/BSM	Bee Network	2 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, M1 3BG	p	0161 244 1000
			w	www.tfgm.com
			e	hello@beenetwork.com
			t	@beenetwork
RRT	Red Rose Travel	Unit 1F, West End Business Park, Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, BB5 4WE	p	01254 399019

For any comments or queries for any Bee Network operated school services, or for any other queries or comments on services in Bolton then please contact TfGM on 0161 244 1000 or use the contact form at www.tfgm.com/contact. We can then direct your query to the relevant Bee Network bus operator as appropriate.

For services not operated by Bee Network, you should contact the relevant operator using the details above.

Smithills School 0845-1515

Effective 4th September 2024

The following services run close by - more details can be found at <https://beenetwork.com>:

Bee Network Diamond Bus services 525/527 – Bolton, Halliwell, Astley Bridge, Hall i' th' Wood, Mill Hill

Bee Network Diamond Bus service 526 – Bolton, Halliwell, Barrow Bridge

Additionally specific schoolday only services also serve the school as follows:

Bee Network Stagecoach service 935 – Gilnow Park, Heaton, Markland Hill, Doffcocker

Bee Network Stagecoach service 936 – Little Lever, Brightmet, Hall i' th' Wood

Changes from 4th September 2024:

- Afternoon journeys on services 935 & 936 re-timed.

Gilnow Park / Heaton / Markland Hill / Doffcocker

Service 935

Bee Network Contract:	1/SJ	Bee Network Contract:	1/SJ
Minimum Capacity:	49	Minimum Capacity:	49
Operator Code:	BSM	Operator Code:	BSM
Mayor Street/Spa Road	0753	Smithills School	1525
Bolton School	0801	Markland Hill, Old Kiln Lane	1540
Markland Hill, Old Kiln Lane	0814	Bolton School	1551
Smithills School	0825	Spa Road/Mayor Street	1557

From Gilnow Park, Mayor Street/Spa Road via Mayor Street, Park Road, Gilnow Road, Tudor Avenue, Chorley New Road, Chorley Old Road, Whitecroft Road, Markland Hill, Old Kiln Lane, Moss Bank Way, Smithills Dean Road **to Smithills School**.

Returning from Smithills School via outward route reversed to Mayor Street, Spa Road **to Gilnow Park, Spa Road/Mayor Street**.

Little Lever / Brightmet / Hall i' th' Wood

Service 936

Bee Network Contract:	1/SH	Bee Network Contract:	1/SH
Minimum Capacity:	70	Minimum Capacity:	70
Operator Code:	BSM	Operator Code:	BSM
Little Lever, Coronation Square	0738	Smithills School	1525
Brightmet, Somerton Road	0746	Astley Bridge	1536
Brightmet, Garstang Avenue	0750	Hall i' th' Wood Station	1541
Tintern Avenue	0809	Tintern Avenue	1544
Hall i' th' Wood Station	0812	Brightmet, Garstang Avenue	1554
Astley Bridge	0815	Brightmet, Somerton Road	1559
Smithills School	0825	Little Lever, Coronation Square	1608

From Little Lever, Coronation Square via High Street, Stopes Road, Countess Lane, Radcliffe Moor Road, Bury New Road, Bury Road, Somerton Road, Brodick Drive, Blenheim Road, Garstang Avenue, Bury Road, Crompton Way, Moss Bank Way, Smithills Dean Road **to Smithills School**.

Returning from Smithills School via morning route reversed to **Little Lever, Coronation Square**.