

School Bus Services in the Salford Area

September 2021 to July 2022

Summary

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

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bus information to choose your child's school, please be aware that these services are subject to change and may be withdrawn due to low use and/or a suitable public transport alternative.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 2021/22 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please see the information below on popular questions relating to school bus services.

Who co-ordinates and funds the school bus services?

School bus services are co-ordinated by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM). TfGM don't run any buses, but most of the services in this booklet are provided by funding from TfGM to bus operators to provide the services shown.

How do you decide where to run the buses?

Some schools provide information to TfGM to allow us to understand the areas where students live to determine where there is likely to be a demand for services, otherwise we will look at where students travelled in previous years. Buses are not cheap to run, so we plan our services carefully to ensure that we carry the maximum number of students.

Do buses only stop at the points shown in the timetable?

No. Buses will stop at all stops along the route. There are some exceptions where buses run non-stop on certain sections of route, but these are shown clearly in the route description.

There is no bus for my child to get to school. How are they going to get there?

Many students across Greater Manchester use the general network of services to get to/from school, basic details of these are provided within the timetable pages and full timetables for these services can be found at tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/.

The route and timetable of my child's service has been changed from last year. Why is this?

As the numbers of students to schools from individual areas fluctuates, this means that routes may be revised to cater for these fluctuations. To ensure that there are enough students on the route to justify the service running, buses from areas may be combined to ensure that there are enough numbers of students for each bus to run.

Will it change again?

TfGM reviews the operation and use of services throughout the year and particularly during the autumn term to determine whether any changes are necessary. Mid-year changes predominantly take place by October half-term but can take place at any point in the year. It is possible that routes may change again next year if the number of students using services are low, suitable alternative services are in place or if there has been a significant change in the location of students attending school.

My child is applying for a place not at our local school. There is a bus service there now, will it be there next year?

Services are subject to change, and the provision of a service this year does not mean that the service will necessarily be provided next year. Before deciding to attend a non-local school, consider how your child would get to school if the school bus was no longer provided.

My child's school bus now drops them off much earlier and picks them up later than now, why is this?

To make maximum use of our buses, we look to use the buses to run more than one journey. This means that some students may be dropped off earlier in the morning, to allow the bus to run onto another school or will be picked up later in the afternoon, because the bus has run a journey preceding.

We live local to our school - will my child be able to use the bus?

Most of our school bus services are in place to carry students who live more than 2 miles from school. 2 miles has been used as this is the minimum statutory distance before students may be eligible for free school travel. Whilst there may be a limited number of places available for students who live closer than 2 miles, local students are encouraged to walk to school. More information on walking to/from school can be found at activetravel.tfgm.com/.

Why don't you just put another bus?

TfGM's funding predominantly comes from a levy on the 10 districts of Greater Manchester and ultimately from the Council Tax. Like all Local Authorities we have a limited budget, and this means that we don't have the money to simply put on an extra bus. Where buses are not provided, the student numbers are low enough to be accommodated on the general service network.

Will my child get a seat on the bus?

Most buses provided allow for both seated and standing passengers, this means that some students may need to stand especially on more popular services for part or all of their journey to ensure that we can provide places to the maximum number of students possible.

There was a bigger bus last year. Why is it now smaller?

We look to provide places for everyone in the most cost-effective manner, smaller buses cost less to run than larger buses, so we will try to provide buses which match the current demand for places. This may mean some double deck vehicles have been replaced by single deck vehicles with some students needing to stand for part or all of their journey.

Are the buses provided only for school students?

All school bus services operate as local bus services. This means that they are open for everyone to use. Most of the time services are not used by anyone other than students, but it is possible.

Does my child need a special pass to use the school buses?

To travel for reduced fare on the bus, students must hold an iGo card and present this to the driver each time. More information on fares is shown below. The Yellow Bus Pass scheme will not be in operation in 2021/22.

If you've any other question not answered above, then please call our Traveline team on 0161 244 1000.

Using the Bus

The following notes will help you in using the bus, especially if it is your first time using one.

Planning the journey

It's a good idea to check which bus is best to catch. All school bus services are shown in this booklet, but you may be using a regular bus service which carries other people. Try and find out in advance where to find the nearest stop is, so that you are confident where to go on the first day.

Even if you've caught the bus before then check that the times and the route haven't changed.

Plan to arrive at the stop 5 minutes before the bus is due to ensure that you don't miss it.

Waiting for the bus

There may be more than one person waiting for a bus at the stop, so wait sensibly away from the road; please be mindful of other bus passengers who may be waiting for the bus also. Do not push or trip others on the pavement whilst waiting for the bus, as it could cause an accident.

Make sure you have your pass and any fare ready before the bus arrives, this will mean that the driver won't have to wait for you to find it and delay the journey.

As the bus approaches make sure it is your bus by checking the service number and destination which are clearly displayed on the front of the bus; raise your arm as a signal to the driver that you want the bus to stop.

Getting on the bus

Board the bus calmly and do not push other people in front or to the side of you to get on more quickly; make sure that you allow other passengers to board the bus if they were there before you.

Show your pass to the driver, and where necessary pay your fare, try to have the correct change if possible.

Then find a seat on the bus, use seats upstairs if necessary.

During the journey

Stay seated throughout the journey, if seatbelts are fitted then they must be worn.

If no seats are available and you must stand then ensure that you always hold onto handrails, that you don't stand upstairs, on the stairs or to the side of the driver.

Do not distract the driver unless it is an emergency and do not cause any damage to the bus or interfere with its working.

Getting off the bus

When your stop is next, ring the bell once. If it has already been rung, you do not need to ring it again.

If you need to cross the road when you get off the bus, wait until the bus has moved off and you can see the road clearly in both directions or go to the nearest available crossing.

REMEMBER: When using the bus, behave sensibly and safely for all parts of the journey.

Any pupil that causes damage to buses, bus stops or shelters and/or does not meet the required standard of behaviour on the bus could:

- Have their pass withdrawn.
- Be banned from the bus.
- Be prosecuted by the police.
- Be required to pay for any damage they have caused.

SCHOOL BUS OPERATORS IN THE SALFORD AREA

ATL	Atlantic Travel	Northolt Drive, Mikar Business Park, Bolton, BL3 6RE	p	01204 386056
			w	www.atlantictravel.co.uk/
			e	info@atlantictravel.co.uk
TYR	Tyrers Coaches	Crosse Hall Street, Chorley, PR6 0UH	p	01257 480979
			w	www.tyrerscoaches.co.uk
			t	@Tyrerscoaches

For any comments on the routes/times or vehicles provided, or for any other queries or comments on services then please contact TfGM on 0161 244 1000 or use the contact form at www.tfgm.com/contact.

Fares Information

Passengers can pay a fare to the driver for each journey shown on this timetable. However, students will need to show an igo pass to travel at the concessionary (reduced) fare. If students do not have an igo pass, they will have to pay a higher fare.

All students between the ages of 11 and 16 need an igo pass if they wish to travel at the concessionary fare on buses. It must be carried on all journeys and shown to the driver before paying the fare.

The igo pass costs £10 and can only be bought by students who live in or go to school in Greater Manchester. More information on igo and an application form to get an igo pass is on the TfGM website at tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass.

Unless marked within the timetables then the following fares are applicable on school bus services:

igo Single Ticket - £1.40

Single Ticket (without igo) - £1.80

igo Return Ticket - £2.40

no return available

TfGM School Weekly (requires igo) - £7.60

Ten trip carnet (requires igo) - £10 – must be used within 28 days.

The above tickets are only valid for use on the school bus service to/from school. It is not valid on any other services, therefore if you miss the bus you will need to buy another ticket to travel.

Students can apply for an Our Pass if they have completed their GCSEs which allows free travel on all bus services in Greater Manchester. More details can be found at ourpass.co.uk.

get me there tickets

get me there passes allow use on the school bus services included in this guide wholly within Greater Manchester as well as all other bus services within Greater Manchester for the duration of the ticket. Tickets may be used after school and at weekends where applicable and offer better value than purchasing additional tickets at the weekend.

1 Day Any Bus Junior - £3.20 – available from the driver

7 Day Any Bus Junior - £10.30 – available from the driver

28 Day Any Bus Junior - £37.00 – must be purchased at TfGM Travelshops or Pay Point locations.

The above tickets are for 11-16 years only and an igo card is required.

7 Day Any Bus Young Person - £15.00 – must be purchased at TfGM Travelshops or Pay Point locations.

28 Day Any Bus Young Person - £52.00 – must be purchased at TfGM Travelshops or Pay Point locations.

These tickets are available to Sixth Form and College students with a get me there card.

Other tickets are available for individual operators, details of these can be found on their respective websites.

Free School Travel

Your child may be entitled to free travel to and from school if they:

are under 8 years old and live more than 2 miles from your nearest qualifying school, **or**
are aged 8-16 years old and live more than 3 miles from nearest qualifying school.

Your child may qualify for free travel if they are eligible for free school meals or if the parents receive maximum level of Working Tax Credit, and:

are under 11 years old and live more than 2 miles from your nearest qualifying school, **or**
are aged 11-16 years old and live between 2 and 6 miles from attended school, if there are not three or more nearer qualifying schools, **or**
are aged 11-16 years old and live between 2 and 15 miles from your nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief.

Further information on eligibility for free school travel may be found below, please select the council where the student is **resident**:

Students living in Salford - www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/info-for-parents-students-and-teachers/help-and-support-for-students/transport-to-school/

Students living in Bury - www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10420

Students living in Bolton - www.bolton.gov.uk/school-travel/assistance-transport-costs-school-college

Students living in Manchester -

www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100005/schools_education_and_childcare/7048/apply_for_a_school_travel_pass_or_cycle_voucher

Students living in Wigan - www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Home-to-school-travel/Home-to-school-travel.aspx

Students living in Lancashire - www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/free-travel-to-and-from-school/

Students living in Warrington - www.warrington.gov.uk/schooltransport

School Bus Timetables

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Changes to schoolday only services from 1 September 2021

Service 904 – this service will be retimed to improve punctuality and renumbered to 994. It will be run by Atlantic Travel instead of Tyrers. An additional late bus will be provided on this service at 1620 to allow students to access after school activities.

Service Y6 – this service will be retimed to run up to 10 minutes earlier to improve punctuality and renumbered to 993. It will be rerouted in Boothstown and be run by Tyrers instead of Stagecoach.

Mosley Common / Boothstown / Ellenbrook				Services 993/994		
TfGM Contract:	0405	5045	TfGM Contract:	5045	0405	0430
Minimum Capacity:	82	63	Minimum Capacity:	63	90	90
Operator Code:	ATL	TYR	Operator Code:	TYR	ATL	ATL
Service Number:	994	993	Service Number:	993	994	994
Newearth Road/Ellenbrook Road	0732		Co-op Academy Walkden	1504	1505	1620
Boothstown, Boothshall Way		0732	Newearth Rd/Longwall Ave	1512	1513	1625
Boothstown, Post Office	0742	0738	Boothstown, Amberhill Way	1521		
Mosley Common Rd/East Lancs Rd	0749	0743	Boothstown, Post Office	1527	1520	1632
Ellenbrook, The Boundary Stone	0752	0748	Mosley Common Rd/East Lancs Rd		1524	1636
Co-op Academy Walkden	0800	0801	Ellenbrook, The Boundary Stone		1527	1639

Service 993 from Boothstown, Boothshall Way/Quayside Close via Boothshall Way, Amberhill Lane, Highclove Lane, Boothshall Way, Leigh Road, Simpson Road, Leigh Road, Chaddock Lane, Mosley Common Road, Bridgewater Road, Ellenbrook Road, Newearth Road, Park Road, Walkden Road, Birch Road **to Birch Road/Laburnum Road for Co-op Academy Walkden.**

Returning from Birch Road/Laburnum Road for Co-op Academy Walkden via Birch Road, Rydal Crescent, Old Clough Lane, Rydal Crescent, Birch Road, Walkden Road, Park Road, Newearth Road, Ellenbrook Road, Leigh Road, Boothshall Way, Amberhill Lane, Highclove Lane, Boothshall Way, Leigh Road, Simpson Road **to Boothstown, Post Office.**

Service 994 from Newearth Road/Ellenbrook Road via Newearth Road, Ellenbrook Road, Leigh Road, Simpson Road, Leigh Road, Chaddock Lane, Mosley Common Road, Bridgewater Road, Ellenbrook Road, Newearth Road, Park Road, Walkden Road, Birch Road **to Birch Road/Laburnum Road for Co-op Academy Walkden.**

Returning from Birch Road/Laburnum Road for Co-op Academy Walkden via Birch Road, Rydal Crescent, Old Clough Lane, Rydal Crescent, Birch Road, Walkden Road, Park Road, Newearth Road, Ellenbrook Road, Leigh Road, Simpson Road, Leigh Road, Chaddock Lane, Mosley Common Road, Bridgewater Road **to Ellenbrook, The Boundary Stone.**

NB: The late bus picks up from the opposite side of the road to the normal journeys.

Changes to schoolday only services from 1 September 2021

Service 909 – between Lower Irlam, The Ship and School will run via Fairhills Road and Cadishead Way; will be retimed to improve punctuality and renumbered to 995. The section between Lower Irlam and Irlam will be replaced by new service 996 with pick up times being up to 23 minutes earlier than now to improve punctuality. An additional late bus will be provided on this service at 1610 to allow students to access after school activities.

Service 910 - between Irlam and School will run direct from Cutnook Lane, will be retimed to improve punctuality, and renumbered to 997. The section between Lower Irlam and Irlam will be replaced by new service 996 with pick up times being up to 23 minutes earlier than now to improve punctuality.

Service Y49 – This service will be retimed to run up to 6 minute earlier to improve punctuality and renumbered to 998. It will be run by Tyrers instead of Go Goodwins.

Service Y81 – This service will be retimed to run up to 11 minutes earlier to improve punctuality and renumbered to 999. It will be run by Tyrers instead of Stagecoach.

Changes to schoolday only services from 25th April 2022

Service 998: The morning journey will be operated by Diamond Bus

Cadishead / Lower Irlam		Service 995	
TfGM Contract:	0097	TfGM Contract:	0097
Minimum Capacity:	92	Minimum Capacity:	92
Operator Code:	TYR	Operator Code:	TYR
Cadishead, Lords Street	0718	St Patrick's High School	1510
Cadishead, Coach and Horses	0724	Fairhills Road/Cadishead Way	1530
Lower Irlam, White Horse	0731	Lower Irlam, White Horse	1534
Fairhills Road/Cadishead Way	0734	Cadishead, Coach and Horses	1539
St Patrick's High School	0805	Cadishead, Lords Street	1545

From Cadishead, Lord's Street/Fir Street via Lord's Street, Cumberland Avenue, Dudley Road, Liverpool Road, Fairhills Road, Cadishead Way, Liverpool Road, New Lane **to St Patrick's High School**.

Returning from St Patrick's High School via New Lane, Worsley Road, Liverpool Road and outward route reversed **to Cadishead, Lords Street/Fir Street**.

Irlam			Services 996/997		
TfGM Contract:	0086	5093	TfGM Contract:	5001	0086
Minimum Capacity:	92	63	Minimum Capacity:	63	92
Operator Code:	TYR	TYR	Operator Code:	TYR	TYR
Service Number:	996	997	Service Number:	997	996
Liverpool Road/Lathom Road	0729		St Patrick's High School	1509	1510
Irlam, Primary School	0731		Liverpool Road/ Addison Road	1526	1527
Irlam, Silver Street		0735	Liverpool Road/Princes Avenue	1528	1529
Irlam, Morrillon Road		0737	Irlam, Morrillon Road	1531	
Liverpool Road/Princes Avenue	0743	0744	Irlam, Moorfield Road	1534	
Liverpool Road/Addison Road	0745	0746	Irlam, Primary School		1536
St Patrick's High School	0805	0806	Liverpool Road/Lathom Road		1538
			Liverpool Road/Albert Street		1642

Service 996 from Irlam, Liverpool Road/Lathom Road via Liverpool Road, Broadway, Ferry Road, Ferryhill Road, Liverpool Road, New Lane to **St Patrick's High School**.

Returning from St Patrick's High School via New Lane, Worsley Road, Liverpool Road, Ferryhill Road, Ferry Road, Broadway, Liverpool Road to Irlam, Liverpool Road/Lathom Road. **LATE BUS** continues via Liverpool Road to **Lower Irlam, Liverpool Road/Albert Street**.

Service 997 from Irlam, Silver Street/Cutnook Lane via Silver Street, Morrillon Road, Merlin Road, Cutnook Lane, Moorfield Road, Liverpool Road, New Lane to **St Patrick's High School**.

Returning from St Patrick's High School via New Lane, Worsley Road, Liverpool Road, Silver Street, Morrillon Road, Merlin Road, Cutnook Lane, Moorfield Road to Irlam, Moorfield Road.

Ordsall / Weaste / Seedley			Service 998		
TfGM Contract:	0522		TfGM Contract:	5093	
Minimum Capacity:	53		Minimum Capacity:	52	
Operator Code:	GTB		Operator Code:	TYR	
Ordsall, District Centre	0720		St Patrick's High School	1510	
Weaste, Tram Stop	0732		Half Edge Lane/Clarendon Road	1526	
Half Edge Lane/Clarendon Road	0747		Weaste, Tram Stop	1538	
St Patrick's High School	0805		Ordsall, District Centre	1547	

From Ordsall, District Centre via Phoebe Street, Goodiers Drive, Regent Road, Eccles New Road, Weaste Road, Weaste Lane, Eccles Old Road, Half Edge Lane, Albert Road, Albert Street, Monton Road, Peel Street, Church Street, Liverpool Road, New Lane to **St Patrick's High School**.

Returning from St Patrick's High School via New Lane, Worsley Road, Liverpool Road, Church Street, Peel Street, Albert Road, Half Edge Lane, Eccles Old Road, Weaste Lane, Weaste Road, Eccles New Road, Trafford Road, Phoebe Street to **Ordsall, District Centre**.

Seedley / Langworthy / Irlams o' th' Height / Swinton Park / Monton				Service 999
TfGM Contract:	5092	TfGM Contract:	5092	
Minimum Capacity:	52	Minimum Capacity:	52	
Operator Code:	TYR	Operator Code:	TYR	
Bolton Road/Langworthy Road	0711	St Patrick's High School	1510	
Irlams o'th' Height, Aldi	0714	Monton Green	1517	
Light Oaks School	0731	Salford Royal Hospital	1527	
Salford Royal Hospital	0741	Swinton Park, Light Oaks School	1534	
Monton Green	0753	Irlams o'th' Height, Aldi	1543	
St Patrick's High School	0805	Bolton Road/Langworthy Road	1548	

From Seedley, Bolton Road/Langworthy Road via Bolton Road, Manchester Road, Barton Road, East Lancashire Road, Lancaster Road, Eccles Old Road, Half Edge Lane, Monton Road, Monton Green, Parrin Lane, Worsley Road, Liverpool Road, New Lane **to St Patrick's High School.**

Returning from St Patrick's High School via New Lane, Worsley Road, Parrin Lane, Monton Green, Monton Road, Half Edge Lane, Eccles Old Road, Lancaster Road, East Lancashire Road, Barton Road, Manchester Road, Daisy Bank Avenue, Bolton Road **to Seedley, Bolton Road/Langworthy Road.**