

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bus information to choose your child's school, please be aware that these services are subject to change and may be withdrawn due to low use and/or a suitable public transport alternative.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

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

Bee Network Diamond Bus service 537 – Bolton, Halliwell, Astley Bridge

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

Bee Network Stagecoach service 928 – Breighmet, Withins, Harwood, Hall i' th' Wood

Changes from 3rd September 2024:

- The afternoon journey on service 928 is re-timed.

Brightmet / Withins / Harwood / Hall i' th' Wood				Service 928
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Bee Network Contract:		Bee Network Contract:	
Minimum Capacity:		Minimum Capacity:	
Operator Code:		Operator Code:	
	1/SH		1/SH
	90		90
	BSM		BSM
Brightmet, Somerton Road	0720	Sharples High School	1525
Brightmet, Garstang Avenue	0724	Hall i' th' Wood Station	1537
Ainsworth Lane/Ainsworth Court	0734	Harwood, White Horse	1552
Thicketford Road/Thicketford House	0737	Thicketford Road/Thicketford House	1559
Harwood, White Horse	0746	Ainsworth Lane/Ainsworth Court	1603
Hall i' th' Wood Station	0806	Brightmet, Garstang Avenue	1612
Sharples High School	0825	Brightmet, Somerton Road	1619

From Brightmet, Somerton Road/Honiton Drive via Somerton Road, Brodick Drive, Blenheim Road, Garstang Avenue, Bury Road, Ainsworth Lane, Thicketford Road, Winchester Way, Blair Lane, New Lane, Stitch Mi Lane, Hough Fold Way, Longsight Lane, Longsight, Lea Gate, Bolton Road, Bradshaw Brow, Tonge Moor Road, Crompton Way, Blackburn Road, Ashworth Lane, Arncot Road to **Sharples High School**.

Returning from Sharples High School via outward route reversed to **Brightmet, Somerton Road/Honiton Drive**.

Bolton / Halliwell / Astley Bridge				Service 537
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Bee Network Contract:		TfGM Contract:	
Minimum Capacity:		Minimum Capacity:	
Operator Code:		Operator Code:	
	1/S3		1/S3
	23		23
	BDB		BDB
Bolton, Interchange	0753	Sharples High School	1525
Astley Bridge, Pineapple	0807	Astley Bridge, Pineapple	1531
Sharples High School	0821	Bolton, Interchange	1549

From Bolton Interchange via Great Moor Street, Bradshawgate, Deansgate, Bridge Street, Higher Bridge Street, Blackburn Road, Ashworth Lane, Arncot Road, Hill Cot Road to **Sharples High School**.

Returning from Sharples High School via outward route reversed to Higher Bridge Street then St George's Road, Knowsley Street, Deansgate, Blackhorse Street, Great Moor Street, Newport Street to **Bolton Interchange**.