



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Friday, 24 July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT – School Bus Service Changes from September 2026

If you would like your child to have a place on the school bus service from September 2026, please complete the Microsoft Form below.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/vF69bMMsGB?origin=lprLink>

Please note there has been an increase in the school bus price due to ongoing increases in fuel prices and the following changes to the bus routes for the new academic year.

Red Route

No changes.

Blue Route

The route will remain the same; however, the last pick-up stop will be **Sterrix Lane**, the bus will then turn right onto **Gorsey Lane** and travel directly to school with **no further stops**.

On the return journey, the first drop-off stop will be **Sterrix Lane**.

Green Route

From September, there will be **one Green Route bus only**.

The route will remain the same; however, will only stop at bus stops along **Church Road**, the bus will turn right at the traffic lights by **KFC** and travel directly to school via **Sefton Road and Gorsey Lane**, with **no further stops**.

On the return journey, the first drop-off stop will be **Church Road**. The bus will **not stop on Gorsey Lane or Sefton Road**.

Yellow Route

The route will remain the same; however, the final pick-up stop will be **KFC**. After this stop, the bus will travel directly to school with **no further stops on Sefton Road or Gorsey Lane**.

On the return journey, **the first drop-off stop** will be opposite the **KFC**.

New Orange Route

A new **Orange Route** will operate from September.

This route will serve **Sefton Road and Gorsey Lane bus stops only**. The first morning stop will be **Mitchell Crescent, Sefton Road**, before continuing along Sefton Road and Gorsey Lane to school.

On the return journey, the bus will stop along **Gorse Lane and Sefton Road**, with the final stop being just beyond **Alexandra Mount**.

Late Bus Service

The late bus service will continue to operate during the 2026/27 academic year on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

The late bus is available **only to pupils who are registered users of the Holy Family bus service** and hold a valid bus pass.

Important Information

- Please ensure your child is at their designated bus stop **at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time**.
- Pupils must clearly signal to the driver by putting their hand out as the bus approaches.
- Any outstanding bus payments from the previous academic year **must be cleared before a place can be allocated for September**.

New Payment System – ShuttleID

From September 2026, we will be introducing a new payment system called **ShuttleID**.

Bus fares may be paid:

- In full at the start of the academic year;
- Termly in advance; or
- Monthly.

Each pupil will be issued with a **QR code bus pass**, which will scan:

- Once for the morning journey; and
- Once for the return journey each day.

Please note that if payments are not up to date, the QR code pass will become inactive and will not scan.

We therefore ask parents to consider carefully whether the school bus service is the right option before applying, particularly if regular payments may be difficult to maintain.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at s.bailey@holyfamilyschool.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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Business Manager

For further information please visit <https://holyfamilyschool.co.uk/information/transportation>

