



St Edmund Arrowsmith
Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

School Transport & Bus Timetables 2023-2024



PLEASE NOTE:

At this time, we have not been advised by Transport for Greater Manchester of the timetables for September 2023. Current timetables are available on the school website however, please check for updates throughout the school holidays - <https://www.arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk/parents/travelling-to-school>

If this is the first time that your child has used a public bus to travel independently, we would recommend that they are taken on a 'dummy run' and provided with optional routes should their 'normal' bus not be available. It can be a very daunting experience and your child may need a lot of support getting used to this way of travelling to secondary school.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

A high proportion of our pupils have to travel by bus to school. **School bus services** are organised by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

All services (except 655) will be **SHARED** services with Byrchall High School. Capacity will be monitored during the Autumn term to ensure all pupils are able to catch an appropriate service.

The school has no authority over most services provided and we work in partnership with the bus companies to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils using these services. For routes not designated a "school service", pupils must use normal service buses and you will need to check times and available routes with the individual bus companies concerned.

All pupils will be responsible for their own behaviour and if others are causing a nuisance it should be reported immediately they arrive in school, initially to their form tutor who will decide if further action is required.

Free Bus Travel

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to be entitled to free bus travel but should contact the council for an application form or to check eligibility.

Wigan Council – Tel Number: 01942 489685

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Home-to-school-travel/Home-to-school-travel.aspx>

St Helens Council – Transport Section 01744 671033

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-college-transport/transport-assistance-for-secondary-aged-pupils/>

An introduction to School buses and concessionary fares for students in Greater Manchester

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.

For local bus and train information please telephone 0871 200 2233 or visit <https://www.tfgm.com>

The majority of TfGM funded services charge a standard fare and also offer daily return tickets. In some cases, the return ticket can also be used for travel on other journeys which serve similar areas – even if it is provided by a different operator.

On most services, students can also buy a weekly scholar's ticket, which costs **£7.60**. These are **ONLY** valid on schooldays on school buses and are available from the bus driver on all services where they are applicable. TfGM schools weekly ticket £7.60* - this is only valid on schooldays and on dedicated school buses. It's available to buy on the bus or at a [TfGM Travelshop](#). The bus driver will load it onto the IGO card.

Bus operators are asking for parents support in ensuring the correct change is provided to reduce the handling of cash by pupils and drivers. A weekly ticket should be purchased wherever possible. A variety of contactless tickets can be purchased online but will depend on the operator. Please check prior to using these services.

A summary of fares and ticketing information on all school services included in this timetable can be found at <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-school-bus-services>

There are also a small number of TfGM funded services where the operator sets the fares. You will need to check with the operator what fares are available. This includes Finches who operate on a commercial basis.

The IGO Pass

All students between the ages of 11 and 16 need an **IGO pass** if they wish to travel at the concessionary (reduced fare) rate on buses. The **IGO pass** is like an ID card and proves that the student is aged 16 or under. It must be carried on all journeys and shown to the driver before paying the fare.

The **IGO pass** costs **£10.00** and can only be bought by students who live, 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 <http://igo.tfgm.com>

(Please note: students who are entitled to a free Scholars Travel Pass for journeys between home and school do not need an IGO pass for these journeys)

Easy cash-free child travel

An **IGO** card is an ID card AND a smart card. This means you can buy child travelcards online, using a **get me there** account and store them on an **igo** card, perfect if you're a parent or guardian buying a ticket for your child:

- link an **igo** card to your online account or create a new **get me there** account (you must be at least 13 to set up your own account)

Create / log in to your **get me there** account : <https://getacard.getmethere.com/home.faces>

For details of saver tickets and network routes available: <https://www.systemonetravel.co.uk/>
System One Weekly Saver ticket start from **£9.70** and a 28 Day Saver ticket start from **£35.00**

Local bus companies who accept System One:-

First Manchester	Tyrer Tours Ltd	M Travel	Selwyns
Vision	Cumfy Bus	HCT Springfield Bus	Diamond Bus NW
Stagecoach	Wigan buses	Warrington's Own Buses	Arriva

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES CODE OF CONDUCT

- All pupils are expected to conduct themselves on the buses as they would in school.
- The safety of pupils, bus drivers and other road users can be affected by poor behaviour on the bus.
- Please fasten seatbelts (if available), no distracting the driver, throwing items, bullying, leaving rubbish etc. Standing is only allowed once all seats are taken and must not exceed the bus number allow. Follow all instructions issued by the driver.
- The school will not tolerate poor behaviour on the buses. This is not fair to your fellow passengers or to the bus companies that provide the bus service.
- Your behaviour is a reflection of St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, and we pride ourselves on our reputation.

If behaviour causes concern this is the procedure and consequence if it does not improve:-

Stage 1: Pupils on the bus should report any problems to their form tutor, they will decide if further action is to be taken.

Stage 2: The form tutor will notify the appropriate SLC who will speak to you directly.

Stage 3: If there is no improvement, a warning letter will be sent home advising parents of the unacceptable behaviour setting out a time frame for improvement.

Stage 4: After the agreed time frame, if there is no improvement, a further letter will be sent home implementing a temporary ban, possibly 2 weeks or half a term depending on the severity of the behaviour.

Stage 5: On return, any further incident will result in an immediate permanent ban.

It is essential your child is familiar with their route to school, especially if they intend to stay for activities after school and may have to use an alternative service.

***Please note: If a weekly TFGM ticket has been bought, this will NOT be valid on "normal" bus services**