



St Edmund Arrowsmith
Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

School Transport & Bus Timetables 2023-2024



PLEASE NOTE:

Timetables are available on the school website using the following link:

<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 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/>

MESSAGE FROM TFGM

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bus information to choose your child’s school, please be aware that these services are subject to change and may be withdrawn due to low use and/or a suitable public transport alternative.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 2023/24 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BUS FRANCHISING -

Please note that timetables for many school buses are split between two dates – from 4th September, and from 24th September. This is because bus franchising begins in stages, and school buses are split into different franchised packages with different start dates, with traditional school contracts covering the period up to 24th September. In most cases the particulars of bus services will remain the same, but please ensure you read the correct dated timetable when planning your school journey.

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 school weekly 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.

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>

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 [igo card | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#)

(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 **£10.50** and a 28 Day Saver ticket start from **£40.00**

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

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**

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.

Operator Contact Details

The following operators operate bus services across Wigan, 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		
DIA/BDB	Diamond Bus	Diamond Bus North West, 186 Old Wellington Road, Eccles, M30 9QG	p	TBC
			w	www.diamondbuses.com/north-west
			e	commentsdiamondbusnorthwest@rotala.co.uk
			t	@DiamondBusNW
GNW/BGN	Go North West	Go North West, Lockett Road, Bryn, Wigan, WN4 8DE	TBC	
MDB	MD Bus & Coach	5 Delta Road, St Helens, WA9 2EQ	p	01744 611321
VBL/BVB	Vision Bus	Blackrod Interchange, Station Road, Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5JE	p	01204 468288
			w	www.visionbus.co.uk
			e	info@visionbus.co.uk
			t	@VisionBus

Byrchall High School 0830 -1500

Effective 1 September 2023

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School 0835-1505

The following services run close by - more details can be found at www.tfgm.com:

From 04/09/23:

Stagecoach service 10 – Leigh, Lowton, Golborne, Marus Bridge, Wigan

Warrington's Own Buses service 22 – Warrington, Newton-le-Willows, Haydock, Garswood, North Ashton

Stagecoach Lancashire service 157 – Rainford, Billinge, Garswood

Arriva North West service 320 – Wigan, Lower Ince, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Haydock, Blackbrook, St. Helens

Vision Bus service 559 – Bolton, Deane, Westhoughton, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Ashton

From 24/09/23:

Bee Network Go North West service 10 – Leigh, Lowton, Golborne, Marus Bridge, Wigan

Warrington's Own Buses service 22 – Warrington, Newton-le-Willows, Haydock, Garswood, North Ashton

Stagecoach in Lancashire service 157 – Rainford, Billinge, Garswood

Arriva North West service 320 – Wigan, Lower Ince, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Haydock, Blackbrook, St. Helens

Bee Network Diamond Bus service 559 – Bolton, Deane, Westhoughton, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Ashton

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

Service 603 – Winstanley, Marus Bridge

Service 652 – Pemberton, Garswood

Service 950 – Hindley Green, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong

Service 951 – Hindley Green, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong

Service 954 – Westleigh, Bickershaw, Abram, Golborne

Service 654 – Newton-le-Willows, Haydock

From Winstanley and Marus Bridge**Service 603**

<i>Bee Network Contract</i>	<i>1/SK</i>	<i>Bee Network Contract</i>	<i>1/SK</i>
<i>Minimum Capacity</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Minimum Capacity</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Operator Code</i>	<i>BVB</i>	<i>Operator Code</i>	<i>BVB</i>
Winstanley, Primary School	0725	Byrchall / SEA Schools	1510
Marus Bridge, Ben Jonson	0737	Marus Bridge, Ben Jonson	1525
Ashton, Library	0748	Winstanley, Primary School	1540
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0755		

From Winstanley, Holmes House Avenue/Paris Avenue via Holmes House Avenue, Tan House Drive, Holmes House Avenue, Highfield Grange Avenue, Warrington Road, Wigan Road, Bryn Street, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.**

Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools via outward route reversed **to Winstanley, Holmes House Avenue/Paris Avenue.**

From Pemberton and Garswood**Service 652**

<i>Bee Network Contract</i>	<i>1/SK</i>	<i>Bee Network Contract</i>	<i>1/SK</i>
<i>Minimum Capacity</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Minimum Capacity</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Operator Code:</i>	<i>BVB</i>	<i>Operator Code:</i>	<i>BVB</i>
Alexandra Park	0725	Byrchall / SEA Schools	1510
Windy Arbour	0733	Garswood Station	1525
Rectory Church	0738	Rectory Church	1530
Garswood Station	0745	Windy Arbour	1535
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0802	Pemberton Station	1539

From Pemberton, Victoria Street (Alexandra Park) via Victoria Street, Billinge Road, Pemberton Road, Ashton Road, Leyland Green Road, Rectory Road, Billinge Road, Victoria Road, School Lane, Garswood Road, Tithebarn Road, Liverpool Road, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.**

Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools via outward route reversed **to Pemberton Station, Billinge Road.**

From Newton-le-Willows and Haydock**Service 654**

<i>Merseytravel Contract</i>		<i>Merseytravel Contract Service</i>	
<i>Operator Code:</i>	<i>GNV</i>	<i>Operator Code:</i>	<i>MDB</i>
<i>Service Number</i>	<i>654</i>	<i>Service Number:</i>	<i>654</i>
Newton-le-Willows, Hospital	0730	Byrchall / SEA Schools	1515
Haydock, Penny Lane	0742	Penny Lane	1523
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0750	Newton Hospital	1535

NB: Fares on this service are set by Merseytravel, more details can be found at www.merseytravel.gov.uk.

Service 654 from Newton-le-Willows, Hospital via Bradlegh Road, Park Road South, Park Road North, High Street, Crow Lane East, Crow Lane West, Vista Road, Penny Lane, Lodge Lane, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.**

Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools via Warrington Road, Lodge Lane, Penny Lane, Vista Road, Crow Lane West, Crow Lane East, High Street, Park Road North, Park Road South, Bradlegh Road **to Newton Community Hospital.**

From 4/09/23

From Bolton, Westhoughton, Hindley Green, Hindley and Platt Bridge

559, 950, 951
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Bee Network/TfGM Contract	1351	1/SK	1/SK	1/SK
Minimum Capacity	90	80	80	80
Operator Code	VBL	BVB	BVB	BVB
Service Number	559	950	950	951

Bolton Interchange	0645	-	-	-
Over Hulton, Four Lane Ends	0704	-	-	-
Westhoughton, Town Hall	0711	-	-	-
Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner	-	-	-	0716
Hindley Green, Atherton Road	-	0723	0724	-
Oakfield High School	-	-	-	0724
Hindley, Police Station	-	-	-	0732
Atherton Road/Borsdane Avenue	-	0731	0732	-
Hindley, Health Centre	-	0738	0739	0739
Hindley, Bird i'th' Hand	0728	-	-	-
Platt Bridge, Iceland	0743	0747	0748	0748
Bamfurlong, Bryn Gates	-	0751	0752	0752
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0810	0814	0815	0815

Bee Network/TfGM Contract	1/SK	1/SK	1/SK	1351
Minimum Capacity	80	80	80	90
Operator Code	BVB	BVB	BVB	VBL
Service Number	950	950	951	559

Byrchall / SEA Schools	1512	1515	1515	1520
Bamfurlong, Bryn Gates	1526	1529	1529	-
Platt Bridge, Iceland	1532	1535	1535	1536
Hindley, Bird i' th' Hand	1542	1545	1545	1546
Atherton Road/George Street	1544	1547	-	-
Hindley, Police Station	-	-	1551	-
Oakfield High School	-	-	1555	-
Hindley Green, Atherton Road	1552	1555	-	-
Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner	-	-	1602	
Westhoughton, Town Hall	-	-	-	1601
Over Hulton, Four Lane Ends	-	-	-	16 07
Bolton Interchange	-	-	-	1628

From 24/09/23

From Bolton, Westhoughton, Hindley Green, Hindley and Platt Bridge

559, 950, 951

559559559/950/951

Bee Network Contract	1/S4	1/SK	1/SK	1/SK
Minimum Capacity	37	80	80	80
Operator Code	BDB	BVB	BVB	BVB
Service Number	559	950	950	951

Bolton Interchange	0645	-	-	-
Over Hulton, Four Lane Ends	0704	-	-	-
Westhoughton, Town Hall	0711	-	-	-
Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner	-	-	-	0716
Hindley Green, Atherton Road	-	0723	0724	-
Oakfield High School	-	-	-	0724
Hindley, Police Station	-	-	-	0732
Atherton Road/Borsdane Avenue	-	0731	0732	-
Hindley, Health Centre	-	0738	0739	0739
Hindley, Bird i'th' Hand	0728	-	-	-
Platt Bridge, Iceland	0743	0747	0748	0748
Bamfurlong, Bryn Gates	-	0751	0752	0752
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0810	0814	0815	0815

Bee Network Contract	1/SK	1/SK	1/SK	1/S4
Minimum Capacity	80	80	80	37
Operator Code	BVB	BVB	BVB	BDB
Service Number	950	950	951	559

Byrchall / SEA Schools	1512	1515	1515	1515
Bamfurlong, Bryn Gates	1526	1529	1529	-
Platt Bridge, Iceland	1532	1535	1535	1532
Hindley, Bird i' th' Hand	1542	1545	1545	1544
Atherton Road/George Street	1544	1547	-	-
Hindley, Police Station	-	-	1551	-
Oakfield High School	-	-	1555	-
Hindley Green, Atherton Road	1552	1555	-	-
Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner	-	-	1602	-
Westhoughton, Town Hall	-	-	-	1601
Over Hulton, Rutherford	-	-	-	1607
Bolton Interchange	-	-	-	1628

Service 559 from Bolton Interchange via Great Moor Street, Newport Street, Trinity Street, Derby Street, Church Avenue, Willows Lane, Deane Church Lane, St Helens Road, Manchester Road, Park Road, Market Street, Wigan Road, Castle Hill Road, Bridge Street, Market Street, Cross Street, Morris Street, Wigan Road, Liverpool Road, Platt Street, Lily Lane, Bolton Road, Gerard Street, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools. Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools** via outward route reversed to Wigan Road, Cross Street, Market Street, Bridge Street, Castle Hill Road, Wigan Road, Market Street, Park Road, Manchester Road, St Helens Road, Deane Church Lane, Willows Lane, Venice Street, Derby Street, Trinity Street, Blackhorse Street, Great Moor Street, Newport Street **to Bolton Interchange.**

Service 950 from Hindley Green, Atherton Road/Leigh Road via Atherton Road, Liverpool Road, Platt Street, Warrington Road, Lily Lane, Bolton Road, Gerard Street, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools. Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools** via outward route reversed **to Hindley Green, Atherton Road/Leigh Road.**

Service 951 from Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner via Corner Lane, Coupland Road, Swan Lane, Green Lane, Crossdale Road, Long Lane, Hollins Road, Broadway, Sandy Lane, Castle Hill Road, Bridge Street, Market Street, Liverpool Road, Platt Street, Warrington Road, Lily Lane, Bolton Road, Gerard Street, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.**

Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools via outward route reversed **to Hindley Green, Dangerous Corner.**

From Westleigh, Bickershaw, Abram and Golborne**Service 954**

Bee Network Contract	1/SK	1/SK	Bee Network Contract	1/SK	1/SK
Minimum Capacity	80	80	Minimum Capacity	80	80
Operator Code	BVB	BVB	Operator Code	BVB	BVB
Westleigh, Smiths Lane	0730	-	Byrchall / SEA Schools	1510	1515
Bickershaw, Post Office	0733	-	Golborne, John Street	1519	1524
Abram, Simpkin Street	0738	0740	Abram, Council Offices	1531	1536
Abram, Council Offices	0743	0745	Abram, Simpkin Street	1535	1540
Golborne, John Street	0753	0755	Bickershaw, Post Office	-	1543
Byrchall / SEA Schools	0813	0815	Westleigh, Smiths Lane	-	1547

From Westleigh, Smiths Lane/Leigh Road via Smiths Lane, Bickershaw Lane, Warrington Road, Aye Bridge Road, Wigan Road, Ashton Road, Church Street, High Street, Bridge Street, East Lancashire Road, Lodge Lane, Warrington Road **to Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.**

Returning from Byrchall High/St Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools via outward route reversed **to Westleigh, Smiths Lane/Leigh Road.**