

Tunbridge Wells Schools: September 2020 East Sussex Bus Services

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Please consider alternative ways of getting to and from school, such as walking or cycling, where this is a safe option.

If you travel in by car your school might ask you to drop off away from the main entrance to avoid any extra congestion.

If you travel in by public bus or school bus, minibus or taxi, these are some important things you need to know:

- You should wash your hands before and after boarding
- No standing will be allowed. Please sit with others in your bubble or year group where possible.
- If you can, please keep your distance between students not in your bubble, as well as other passengers
- Windows and sunroofs will be kept open where possible to help with ventilation
- Face coverings are required by law for all pupils aged 11 and over on public transport, in line with [government policy](#).
- Children aged 11 and over should wear a covering on all school transport if they can, as well as younger children who are able. If a child has a reason which makes them exempt, please let your school know this. We need everyone's help to make this workable - so please discuss the importance of wearing a face covering together.

Fares will continue to be charged on bus services available to students only, except students issued with a free bus pass. Please pay the exact bus fare so as to reduce cash handling. Stagecoach, Brighton & Hove and Metrobus do not provide cash change. Stagecoach, Compass Travel, Brighton & Hove, Metrobus and Autocar now also offer contactless payments by prepaid card, debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

For details of school services see our [Back to School Services](#) website page. Remember to visit the [Bus service changes](#) page and bus operator's website regularly for any updates.

Summary of changes to bus services from East Sussex:

| Service | Route | Changes to route or timetable | Operator |
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| 29 | Brighton-Lewes-Uckfield-Crowborough-Eridge Green-Tunbridge Wells | There will be an extra 29 journey at 0655 from Uckfield to Tunbridge Wells for students only. In the afternoon an extra journey for students only will run from Tunbridge Wells Victoria Place at 1622 to Uckfield. A revised timetable will be running at other times of the day. See service 228 for an extra morning and afternoon bus, for students only, between Crowborough and Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School. | Brighton & Hove |
| 228,229 | Jarvis Brook-Crowborough-Eridge Green-Showfields-Tunbridge Wells-Tunbridge Wells Grammar School | The 0722 228 journey from Crowborough, including the Jarvis Brook loop, will have an additional bus for students only. In the afternoon the 1550 228 journey from Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School to Crowborough will also be for students only. An additional bus will start from Tunbridge Wells Royal Victoria Place at 1610, running to Crowborough and Jarvis Brook via Showfields. Other 228 and 229 public journeys will be running to | Compass Travel |

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| | | their normal Monday to Friday timetable. | |
| 234 | Edenbridge-Hever-Markbeech-Cowden-Holtye Common-Blackham-Ashurst-Fordcombe-Langton-Tunbridge Wells-Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School | Replaced by service TW8 which will run to similar times. These journeys to and from Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School will be the use of students only. | Go-Coach |
| 252 | Heathfield-Mayfield-Cross in Hand-Rotherfield-Mark Cross-Frant-Tunbridge Wells-Southborough | The 0723 from Heathfield will be for students only, as will the 1600 from Southborough. Stagecoach will otherwise be operating a normal schooldays timetable. | Stagecoach |
| 254 | Hawkhurst-Flimwell-Ticehurst-Frant-Tunbridge Wells-Bennett Memorial School | The 0725 journey from Hawkhurst will have an additional bus for students only. The 1545 journey from Bennett Memorial School to Hawkhurst will also have an additional journey for students only. Stagecoach will otherwise be operating a normal schooldays timetable. | Stagecoach |
| 256 | Wadhurst-Lamberhurst-Hook Green-Bells Yew Green-Frant-Tunbridge Wells-Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School. | The 0750 from Lamberhurst will be for students only, with two buses operating on this journey. The 1600 from Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School will have also have an additional bus for students only. Other journeys will be running to their normal Monday to Friday timetable. | Autocar |
| 286 | Colemans Hatch-Hartfield-Withyham-Groombridge-Langton-Speldhurst-Southborough-Tunbridge Wells | This service will be available to students only. | Arriva |
| 291 | East Grinstead-Ashurstwood-Forest Row-Colemans Hatch-Hartfield-Withyham-Groombridge-Langton Green-Tunbridge Wells-Bennett Memorial School | The 0718 journey from East Grinstead and the 1545 journey from Bennett Memorial School will be for the use of students only. Metrobus will otherwise be providing a normal schooldays timetable. | Metrobus |