

TRANSPORT

GUIDE

2022-2023



READING BLUE COAT

Welcome

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to look at Reading Blue Coat's bus service for the 2022-2023 academic year. This is the inaugural version of such a guide, which sets out the wide range of travel options available to the pupils at Reading Blue Coat School.

From September 2022, Reading Blue Coat have appointed Vectare, a specialist school transport management company, to manage the school bus service. Vectare are responsible for over 2 million independent school journeys per annum. Vectare will manage all aspects of the school's service, and any enquiries can be directed to their team at rbcsv@vectare.co.uk.

All bookings for school bus routes are made via our online booking system, which can be viewed at rbcsv.vectare.co.uk. This means that you no longer need to complete any paper forms. Payment for the service is made at the time of booking and your child's name will automatically be added to the register. The website also incorporates an interactive journey planner which allows you to enter your postcode and find your closest bus stop.

This guide provides an overview of the school bus service network and contains further details including fare and timetable information. All bookings for all routes can be made via the dedicated transport website. The website allows you to book travel 24/7 from anywhere in the world, meaning that if you need to leave early for work one morning or you are running late and you would like your child to travel on a school bus as a one off, you can make a booking right up until the bus is due to depart.

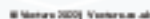
The late services are also on the website, and should you need to change onto it at the last minute, you can also make this change quickly and easily. For the new academic year, we are delighted to announce an extension to the late bus service, meaning that Hartley Wintney is now served. We will continue to monitor the demand on the late buses, with the aim of having as many areas served as possible from September 2023.

Other amendments and changes can also be made via the 'my account' section of the website. If you need any further assistance, or you would like to discuss travel options from areas not currently served by our network, please contact us via the booking website and we will be pleased to assist. I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child a pleasant and successful academic year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Tabrah
Bursar





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Route Timetable

Goring			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Goring, Goring Social Club High Street	07:20	17:21
B	Pangbourne, Police Station Reading Road	07:34	17:07
B	Purley, Purley Rise / Sherwood Rise	07:38	17:03
B	Tilehurst, Park Lane / Mayfair	07:46	16:55
B	Calcot, Bath Road / Langley Hill	07:51	16:50
B	Southcote, Bath Road / Parkhurst Drive	07:56	16:45
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25

Checkendon			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Checkendon, Village Hall	07:22	17:23
B	Stoke Row, Cherry Tree Inn	07:26	17:19
B	Peppard Common, The Unicorn PH	07:30	17:15
B	Peppard, Peppard Stores, Stoke Row Road	07:33	17:12
B	Sonning Common, Gravel Hill Top	07:35	17:10
B	Emmer Green, Reading Road/Fishers Court	07:42	17:03
B	Caversham Heights, Rotherfield Way/Grove Hill	07:45	17:00
B	Caversham Heights, Albert Road/Highmoor Road	07:48	16:57
B	Church Street	07:52	16:53
B	Rufus Isaacs Road	07:54	16:52
A	Reading Station, Trooper Potts Way Bus Stop [ON REQUEST]	08:00	16:45
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



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Wooburn Green			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Wooburn Green, The Red Lion The Green	07:25	17:25
B	Wooburn Town, Brookbank	07:28	17:23
B	Bourne End, The Parade Bourne End	07:32	17:20
B	Little Marlow, The Kings Head Old Spot Pub Church Rd	07:35	17:16
B	Bisham, Bull PH Stop, Marlow Road	07:41	17:10
B	Bisham, Quarry Wood Road	07:43	17:08
B	Cookham Deam, The Jolly Farmer	07:46	17:05
B	Cookham, Cookham Rise Railway Station	07:50	17:01
B	Furze Platt, Kinghorn Park	07:54	16:55
B	Pinkney Drive near junction with Pinkney Rd	07:59	16:51
B	Pinkneys Green, The Pinkney Arms	08:01	16:50
B	Littlewick Green, Green Lane Littlewick Green	08:06	16:45
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25

Gerrards Cross			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Gerrards Cross, The Bull Hotel, Oxford Road	07:15	17:28
B	Beaconsfield, Cricket Ground	07:25	17:18
B	Beaconsfield, Waitrose Stop F	07:27	17:15
B	Beaconsfield, Red Lion PH	07:30	17:13
B	Penn, The Pond Bus Stop	07:32	17:11
B	Hazelemere, Crossroads Bus Stop, Amersham Road	07:37	17:06
B	High Wycombe, Abbey School Stop, Marlow Hill	07:45	16:58
B	Marlow, Little Marlow Road	07:53	16:50
B	Marlow, Spital Street	08:00	16:40
B	Marlow, Spinfield Lane	08:02	16:38
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



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Maidenhead			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Lower Cookham Rd, Islet Road Junction	07:22	17:22
B	Boulton's Lock, Lower Cookham Rd	07:25	17:19
B	Maidenhead Bridge, Bridge Road	07:30	17:14
B	Oldfield Primary School	07:33	17:11
B	Hibbert Road Playing Field, Bray Rd	07:34	17:08
B	Hibbert Rd (Braywick Nature Reserve car park entrance)	07:35	17:07
B	Braywick House East	07:36	17:06
B	Maidenhead, Frascati Way (Stop N1)	07:38	17:06
B	St Marks Road, Windsor Castle PH	07:40	17:04
B	St Marks Hospital, St Marks Hospital Gate 2	07:43	17:01
B	Highway Avenue, Bath Road A4	07:48	16:56
B	Woolley Green, Shire Horse PH	07:51	16:53
A	Knowl Hill, Square Deal Cafe, Bath Road	07:58	16:46
A	Twyford, Cross Roads (near Costa Coffee)	08:09	16:35
A	Charvil, Wee Waif	08:12	16:32
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



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Datchet			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Slough, A412 Yew Tree Road Opposite St Mary's School	07:10	17:20
B	Datchet, Churchmead School	07:15	17:15
B	Old Windsor, Claydon Roundabout	07:23	17:07
B	Windsor, Edward V11 Hospital	07:28	17:02
B	Windsor, Prince Albert PH	07:33	16:57
B	Windsor, Maypole Dedworth Road	07:35	16:55
B	Windsor Road/Fyfield Road	07:41	16:48
B	Bray, Layby Holyport Turn A308 Windsor Road	07:43	16:50
	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25

Camberley			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Camberley, Arena Leisure Centre	07:15	17:17
B	Sandhurst, Wellington Arms PH	07:23	17:09
B	Sandhurst, Tesco Express	07:25	17:07
B	Sandhurst, Library	07:25	17:07
B	Iron Duke	07:29	17:03
B	Crowthorne, Duke Ride / Kings Road	07:32	17:00
B	Crowthorne, Dukes Ride Cross roads	07:33	16:59
B	Crowthorne, Ellis Road	07:34	16:58
B	Ravenswood, Kings Mere	07:38	16:54
B	Barkham, The Bull PH Barkham Road	07:46	16:46
B	Barkham Village Store/Post office	07:48	16:44
B	Sindlesham, Bearwood Road / Alder Mews	07:50	16:42
A	Butts Hill Road, Ravensbourne Drive	08:01	16:36
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



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Ascot			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Windlesham, Post Office near Chertsey Road	07:23	17:12
B	South Ascot, St Mary's Road	07:30	17:05
B	Ascot, High Street	07:35	17:00
B	Ascot, Fernbank Road	07:37	16:54
B	Bracknell, Hollies Corner B3017	07:42	16:48
B	Warfield, Harvest Ride Priory Lane	07:44	16:46
B	Binfield, Binfield Cross roads Terrace Road South	07:49	16:40
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25

Hook			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Hook, The White Hart, London Road	06:53	17:33
B	Hartley Wintney, High Street bus layby before junction A323	07:00	17:26
B	Elvetham Road/Elvetham Place	07:08	17:18
B	Fleet, Elvetham Road The Station PH	07:10	17:16
B	Waitrose, Monteagle Lane	07:19	17:08
B	Eversley, The Frog & Wicket Reading Road	07:21	17:05
B	Finchampstead, Ratepayers Hall (California Hall)	07:25	17:00
B	Finchampstead, Finchampstead Rd / Evendond Lane	07:31	16:55
B	Wokingham, Wellington Road / Earle Crescent	07:36	16:50
B	Wokingham, Holt Lane	07:38	17:48
B	Elmbrook, Reading Road opp Riffle Volunteer PH	07:42	16:44
A	Winnersh, Reading Road Near Sainsbury	07:48	16:38
A	Hurst, Wards Cross	07:56	16:37
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



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Henley			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Shiplake Cross, Station Road / A4155	07:35	17:04
B	Henley, A4155 Reading Road Near Tesco Superstore	07:38	17:01
B	Henley, Station Road Stop	07:42	16:57
B	Henley, Market Place near Pizza Express	07:45	16:54
B	Remenham Row, A321 Wargrave Road	07:52	16:47
A	Wargrave Hill, Wargrave Rd / Wargrave Hill	08:00	16:39
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25

Burghfield Common			
Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Burghfield Common, Reading Road Warings Bakery	07:05	17:40
B	Mortimer, The Street Outside recreation ground	07:14	17:31
B	Mortimer Stratfield, The Street Bus Stop Opposite St Mary's School	07:16	17:29
B	Riseley, The Bull PH Basingstoke Road	07:26	17:19
B	Swallowfield, The Street Opposite Post Office	07:30	17:15
B	Spencers Wood, Basingstoke Rd Post Office bus stop	07:35	17:10
B	Spencers Wood, Hyde End Rd / Croft Gardens	07:37	17:08
B	School Green, Hollow Lane just after roundabout	07:39	17:06
A	Shinfield, Weather Centre	07:42	17:03
A	Shinfield, Shinfield Road / Whitley Wood Road	07:44	17:01
A	Shinfield, Shinfield Road / Leighton Park Copse	07:45	17:00
A	Reading, Wilderness Road / Hartsbourne Rd	07:53	16:52
A	Reading, Wilderness Road Bus Stop Layby before BP Garage	08:00	16:45
A	Reading, Church Road junction with Palmerstone Road	08:05	16:40
-	Reading Blue Coat School	08:30	16:25



Late Bus Timetable

Late Bus - Maidenhead, Marlow & Bourne End

Stop	PM
Abbey Senior School, Kendrick Road	17:45
Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning Lane	18:00
Charvil - A4, Park View bus stop layby	18:07
Wargrave - A4, Carlisle Corner Roundabout, bus layby	18:08
Knowl Hill - A4, Village Hall, bus layby	18:13
Littlewick Green - A4, bus stop opposite Riders Hotel	18:14
Maidenhead Thicket - A4, junction Newlands Drive, bus layby	18:17
Maidenhead - A4, Windsor Castle PH, top of Castle Hill	18:20
Maidenhead - A4, Magnet Leisure Centre	18:23
Cookham Dean, Old Chequers PH Dean Lane	18:34
Cookham Railway Station	18:38
Marlow, High Street	18:46
Little Marlow, The Kings Head Old Spot Pub, Church Rd	18:53
Bourne End, The Parade Bourne End	18:57

Please note: A late bus towards Beaconsfield will run subject to demand in the forthcoming years.



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Late Bus - Ascot & Windsor

Stop	PM
Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning Lane	18:00
Binfield Cross Roads bus stop	18:12
Harvest Ride (bus stop near Priory Lane junction)	18:19
Jigs Lane South (bus stop near Innings Lane junction)	18:21
Running Horse bus stop layby (near BP Garage)	18:23
Martins Heron Roundabout bus stop	18:24
Ascot High St (bus stop near "Bar One" mini roundabout)	18:33
Windsor (Edward VII Hospital bus stop St Leonards Road)	18:45
Prince Albert (bus stop on Winkfield Road near traffic lights)	18:50

Late Bus - Hartley Wintney (via Wokingham)

Stop	PM
Abbey Senior School, Kendrick Road	17:45
Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning Lane	18:00
Winnersh, Reading Road, Wickes DIY store	18:12
Winnersh, Reading Road, Sainsbury's bus stop	18:15
Elmbrook, Reading Road, Rifle Volunteer PH	18:18
Wokingham, Shute End	18:20
Wokingham, Broad Street	18:23
Wokingham, Wellington Road / Earle Crescent	18:24
Finchampstead, Finchampstead Rd / Evendons Lane	18:29
Eversley, The Frog & Wicket Reading Road	18:40
Hartley Wintney, High Street bus layby before junction A323	18:50

Regular Travel

Zone	Per Year (return)	Per Year (one-way)
Zone A	£950	£750
Zone B	£1590	£1210

Ad-hoc

Zone A	£7.50
Zone B	£12.50



Terms & Conditions

- This agreement is made between all school bus passengers, their parents and Reading Blue Coat School in order to provide safe, comfortable and civilised journeys for all passengers.
- Arrangements for pupils' journeys to and from school are the responsibility of their parents. To assist with discharging this responsibility, Reading Blue Coat School provides a school bus service. Parents are responsible for their children at all times including both prior to and after boarding and alighting.
- Transport on the School bus service must be arranged in advance and is paid for through the online booking system. The booking options are for either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons or a return service, subject to availability. The service is available on an ad-hoc basis, but this is subject to demand once term starts.
- Bookings are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel.
- Bookings are to be made via rbc.vectare.co.uk.
- Each pupil for whom an online form has been submitted will be added to a bus list detailing the service they travel on, their bus stop and what travel has been paid for. Their name will appear on a list which will be checked by the driver.
- It will be the parent's responsibility to inform the school via the Contact Us form on the website if they no longer wish for their child to use the School bus service. A terms notice must be given by a parent prior to the removal of a pupil from the School bus service.
- No pupil is permitted to travel on the school bus service if not pre-booked for that bus. Other arrangements for journeys to and from school must be made by the pupil or their parents. Pupils must travel to and from Reading Blue Coat in full school uniform or full school tracksuit.
- Pupils should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure to ensure they do not miss the bus. Drivers will not wait past the scheduled departure time.
- Good conduct is required at all times. Shouting, use of inappropriate language, dropping litter, playing loud music or any other misbehaviour is strictly forbidden, as is eating on the bus. Pupils must ensure that any online activity will not cause distress to others.
- Except when embarking or disembarking, all passengers must remain seated with their seat belts fastened correctly.
- Except when embarking or disembarking, or when asked to move to a different seat in accordance with condition 11, all passengers must remain seated with their seatbelts fastened correctly.
- Pupils who travel on the School Bus Service without permission from Reading Blue Coat School (i.e. without having prebooked) will have a standard fare of £20 added to the school account.
- Whilst on a school bus, all passengers must accept the authority of a member of staff or driver, who may ask them to obey any reasonable instruction such as pick up litter, cease from certain actions or to move to a different seat.
- Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the matter being referred to the pupil's class teacher or Head of Year and may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the School bus service.
- Reading Blue Coat School aims for 95% of journeys to operate within the transport industry window of tolerance of one minute early to five minutes late, however timings may vary due to traffic conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

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