

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Bus Services to St Peter's Catholic School 2024-25

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We're writing to explain some important changes to Stagecoach school bus services for the next year.

### Routes & Times

All stops served by the school routes this year will continue to have a bus from us next year. However, due to Surrey County Council's reduction of the marked height of Ockford Railway Bridge near Godalming, SP3 must run as a single-decker bus. This means we can only offer 42 seats on this service.

After a review of postcode data with the school team, we're making changes to swap busier stops between SP3 and SP4 to ensure as many students can travel as possible.

- **Chiddingfold, Witley, Milford, Eashling Lane and Shalford** will remain part of SP3
- **Busbridge, Godalming town centre and Artington** will remain part of SP4
- **Farncombe** will move to SP4
- **Catteshall** will move to SP3

This means our services in 2024-25 will be:

<b>SP1</b> from Stoughton & Park Barn (unchanged from current year)	75 seats
<b>SP2</b> from Cranleigh, Rowly, Bramley & Chilworth (unchanged from current year)	75 seats
<b>SP3</b> from Chiddingfold, Witley, Milford & Shalford	42 seats
<b>SP4</b> from Busbridge, Godalming, Farncombe & Artington	75 seats

The school bus webpage at [stagecoachbus.com/stpeters](https://stagecoachbus.com/stpeters) will be updated shortly with a detailed map showing pick-up bus stops for next year's routes and departure times from the main bus stops.

### Ticket Sales

We've tried to keep ticket prices as low as possible, with the rates reflecting the current high cost of operation for our school bus services. Our 2024-25 prices are:

**Autumn Term = £470**

**Spring Term = £390**

**Summer Term = £390**

Annual tickets are no longer available and are replaced by Term tickets. This is to help us allocate the maximum number of seats on each bus, each Term. All tickets (Autumn/Spring/Summer) will be available for purchase before September and at any time throughout the school year. To guarantee a seat for the full school year, you'll need to buy all three Term tickets as early as possible – tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Tickets will now retail through SCOPAY to help simplify the process for parents. Stagecoach will not be taking payments directly for new tickets but will continue to handle refunds and general bus enquiries.

Bus tickets will be issued as plastic Smartcards from the school office, one for each Term. Please collect your pass from school on the first day of each Term.

There will be no paper application form for the bus service in 2024/25. The Stagecoach website has detailed information regarding routes, tickets, application process and Terms & Conditions for using the service. Please note, by purchasing a bus ticket you are agreeing to the stated bus service T&Cs.

**What to do next**

Please visit the Stagecoach webpage at [stagecoachbus.com/stpeters](https://stagecoachbus.com/stpeters) to check bus routes, times and our T&C's. Information on lost property, replacement passes and how to claim a refund will be available here – we advise reading the FAQs in full before making your purchase. Head to the SCOPAY link to book a seat and make payment for your Term ticket.

Please remember – students without a valid bus pass will be charged a Single Fare of £4 when boarding the bus, except during the first days of Term whilst passes are being issued from the school office.

We look forward to running the school buses again next year and welcoming students on board.

Yours faithfully

**James O'Neill**  
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