



School Buses for Thurstable School Tiptree.

Getting Children to School:

The initial guidance from the Department for Education for the Full Opening of Schools from September has now been published.

Getting children to school from September is undoubtedly going to be a challenge for schools, parents and transport providers. However, working in partnership with schools and parents/careers we can make it work well.

More guidance will follow but we are working with the Local Education Authority Thurstable School to ensure we follow the guidance available to secure the safety of drivers and students when they travel on school transport.

Using our home to school transport:

The guidance for 'Dedicated School Transport' does not require the social distancing in place as for public transport. This means that we will largely be running our normal service and vehicle capacity. We will liaise with the individual schools and may need to change timetables in line with their decisions.

School Routes:

All students are to sit in their year groups indicated by stickers displayed around the bus. Please sit within your year groups and respect other students/passengers at all times.

Downstairs - Front Year 7 Rear Year 8

Upstairs - Front Year 9 Middle Year 10 Back Years 11/12/13

On Single-deckers the zoning guidelines are Years 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 front to back. Again stickers will highlight the year group zoning.

Year Group Bubble Key

7	8	9	10	11/12
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Grouping/seating children on the buses:

As far as is logistically possible we will group children on the vehicles to reflect the year group bubbles in school, however on some journeys this may not be possible.

Boarding a Service:

It's important that you arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes before departure. Please wait and queue in an organised manner adhering to social distancing guidelines. When boarding the vehicle from your designated stop please board one passenger at a time and have your bus pass ready to show the driver. Please don't push and keep to your own space. Please sit within your year groups and respect other students at all times.



Disembarking a service:

Double Decker -Students from the bottom deck will depart first followed by the top deck starting front to back. **Please don't push, be patient and respectful to all students.**

Single Decker Coach/Bus - Please depart the vehicle front to back. **Please don't push, be patient and respectful to all students.**

Behaviour:

Responsible behaviour when travelling on school buses is of paramount importance in the current climate. It is imperative that all students observe the conduct expectations set out by Flagfinders, particularly regarding the seating areas assigned to specific year groups.

Incidents on school transport will be dealt with in liaison with the schools and Flagfinders and could include in a verbal reprimand, a letter to parents, a fixed term ban from school transport or a permanent ban from school transport.

We understand that students will be dubious about returning and using school transport again. All of us at Flagfinders will do our utmost to ensure that students feel safe.

We ask for your help in:

- **Staying in your seats**
- Respect your space and those around you
- **Do not distract the driver and respect their personal space**
- Try to keep touch points down to a minimum.
- **Keep your bus pass safe and do not pass it or anything else to another pupil. Try to stay in control of your belongings and space.**
- No food or drink to be consumed on the vehicles

We know that you are entering a different environment to the one you remember but we cannot stress enough that these changes will only work if we all adhere to the new guidelines

Students who do not comply with the guidance will not be able to travel.

Face coverings:

Due to the increased number of Covid-19 cases, **Essex County Council** have updated their guidance on face masks/coverings. The LEA, Schools and Flagfinders would like to reiterate the message to both students and parents, **that students aged 11 or over must wear face coverings on transport to and from school.** The face covering needs to be in place as they board the vehicle and not be removed until they have completely left the vehicle. This is extremely important to ensure transport can remain in place at all schools and the risk of infection is minimised. Where students repeatedly fail to wear a covering and they are not medically [exempt from wearing a face covering](#) names will be taken and school informed so they can address this. Failure to comply may result in refusal of travel.

A face covering should:

- Cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- Fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- Be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- Be made of material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- Ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)
- Unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged

When wearing a face covering you should:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- Avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- Avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- Change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- Avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession (for example, when leaving and entering shops on a high street)

When removing a face covering:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing.
- Only handle the straps, ties or clips
- Do not give it to someone else to use

We thank you for taking the time to read this. Please can you reiterate to you child the importance of following these guidelines as it will protect us all going forward during these difficult times.

Hand Sanitiser:

We would request that children have their own hand sanitiser and use it before boarding and on disembarking.



Disinfecting/Sanitising the vehicles:

In accordance with current guidelines all our vehicles will be disinfected/sanitised using daily enhanced cleaning regimes.

Food and drink on vehicles:



In order to minimise any risk we would request that **food and drink are not consumed** on our vehicles at any time.

Anyone with symptoms in the household:

Please do not travel if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, your Child must stay at home. You should then book a Covid-19 test for your child or family member. Please under no circumstances attend school.

Click Link for or info on what to do if you or someone you share a home with has coronavirus symptoms.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

We thank you for taking the time to read this and ask for your support in implementing the measures we are putting in place. With your help we will be able to provide a clean and safe environment for everyone.

We will update you going forward regarding the position for your particular school if the guidance changes and information becomes available.

Stay Safe.

The following Zoning will be taking place

Route 1 (double deck bus).

Upstairs back / Middle year 11 Middle Front Year 10

Downstairs Front year 7, Middle year 8, Back year 9

Route 2 (double deck bus).

Upstairs Back row year 12/13, Back / Middle year 10, Front year 9.

Downstairs front year 7 back year 8.

Route 3 (double deck bus).

Upstairs Year 12/13 back row, back / Midd year 11 Middle Front Year 10

Downstairs Front year 7, Middle year 8, Back year 9

Route 4 (double deck bus)

Upstairs back year 9 front year 8

Downstairs year 7

Route 5 (double deck bus).

Upstairs back row year 12/13 middle and front year 11

Downstairs year 10

Route 6 (coach).

This will have year 10, 11, 12, 13 at the back and years 7, 8 ,9 in the middle the front seats are not in use due to social distancing

Route 7 (double deck bus).

Upstairs back year 12/13 back and Middle year group 11 Middle Front Year group 10

Downstairs Front year 7, Middle year 8, Back year 9

Route 8 (single deck bus).

This will have year 10, 11, 12, 13 at the back and years 7, 8 ,9 in the middle the front seats are not in use due to social distancing.

School routes for 2020 – 2021

Route 1	Tollesbury via Tolleshunt D’Arcy / Mayor
Route 2	Tollesbury Direct
Route 3	Feering
Route 4	Kelvedon
Route 5	Kelvedon
Route 6	Heybridge and Totham
Route 7	Mersea Island and Peldon
Route 8	Tolleshunt knights, Salcott Birch, Layer Marney

Timetables

Route 1

Tollesbury Square ARR	07:55
Tollesbury Square DEP	08:00
Tolleshunt D'Arcy School	08:05
Beckingham Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy	08:07
Tolleshunt Major Bus Shelter	08:11
Tolleshunt Major Business Park	08:12
Park Wood Lane Little Totham	08:14
Swan Public House Little Totham	08:16
Thurstable School	08:35

Thurstable School DEP	15:15
Swan Public House Little Totham	15:24
Park Wood Lane Little Totham	15:26
Tolleshunt Major Business Park	15:28
Tolleshunt Major Bus Shelter	15:29
Beckingham Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy	15:33
Tolleshunt D'Arcy School	15:35
Tollesbury Square	15:40

Route 2

Tollesbury Square DEP	08:10
Thurstable School	08:35

Thurstable School DEP	15:15
Tollesbury Square	15:35

Route 3, 4 and 5

	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5
London Road Kelvedon	xx	08:00	08:00
Post office Kelvedon	xx	08:01	08:01
Instutite Kelvedon	xx	08:05	08:05
One stop / railway station	xx	08:07	08:07
Sherwood Way Feering	08:05	xx	
Gore Pit Feering	08:07	xx	
Kelvedon Road Inworth	08:09	xx	
Thurstable School Tiptree	08:30	08:30	08:32

	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5
Thurstable School Tiptree	15:15	15:15	15:15
Kelvedon Road Inworth	15:33	xx	xx
Gore Pit Feering	15:35	xx	xx
Sherwood Way Feering	15:36	xx	xx
One stop / railway station	xx	15:38	15:38
Instutite Kelvedon	xx	15:42	15:42
Post office Kelvedon	xx	15:45	15:45
London Road Kelvedon	xx	15:47	15:47

Route 6

Oak Road Bus Stop Colcheter Road Heybridge	07:50
Holloway Road Heybridge	07:53
After Herriot Way Walden House Road Great Totham	08:00
Beacon Hill Cars Great Totham Road Wickham Bishops	08:03
Little Mountains Farm Great Totham	08:07
Eaton Way Mill Road great Totham	08:10
Thurstable School	08:30
Thurstable School DEP	15:15
Eaton Way Mill Road Great Totham	15:37
Little Mountains Farm Great Totham	15:40
Beacon Hill Cars Great Totham Road Wickham Bishops	15:45
After Herriot Way Walden House Road Great Totham	15:48
Oak Road Bus Stop Colcheter Road Heybridge	16:06
Holloway Road Heybridge	16:10

Route 7

Ivy Lane Junction East Road East Mersea	07:35
Chapmans Lane West Mersea	07:42
Seaview Ave East Road West Mersea	07:45
Oakwood Ave East Road West Mersea	07:47
West Mersea Primary School Kingsland Rd	07:50
Mica Centre High Street West Mersea	07:52
Tesco Exprees High Street West Mersea	07:53
Spar Upland Road West Mersea	07:56
Lawns Close / Mill Road West Mersea	07:57
Peldon Rose Peldon	08:00
Village Store Lower Road Peldon	08:05
Thurstable School	08:30

Thurstable School DEP	15:15
School Rd / Maldon Rd Great Wigborough	15:36
Village Store Lower Road Peldon	15:41
Peldon Rose Peldon	15:46
Playing Field Colchester Road West Mersea	15:49
West Mersea Primary School Kingsland Rd	15:51
Mica Centre High Street West Mersea	15:54
Tesco Exprees High Street West Mersea	15:55
Spar Upland Road West Mersea	15:57
Oakwood Ave East Road West Mersea	16:00
Seaview Ave East Road West Mersea	16:03
Chapmans Lane West Mersea	16:06
Ivy Lane Junction East Road East Mersea	16:13

Route 8

Stockhouse close Tolleshunt Knights	07:45
Park Lane / Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	07:48
Mill Lane Salcott	07:53
Salcott Crossroad	07:54
School Lane Great Wigborough	07:59
Shatter Road layer Breton	08:11
Mill Lane Birch	08:10
Winter Road Roundsbush Road (Crossroad) Layer Marney	08:15
Clears Road Thorrington Road (crossroad) Smythe Green.	08:22
Thurstable School	08:30
Thurstable School DEP	15:15
Clears Road Thorrington Road (crossroad) Smythe Green.	15:22
Winter Road Roundsbush Road (Crossroad) Layer Marney	15:27
Mill Lane Birch	15:35
Shatter Road layer Breton	15:36
School Lane Great Wigborough	15:45
Salcott Crossroad	15:50
Mill Lane Salcott	15:51
Park Lane / Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	16:00
Stockhouse close Tolleshunt Knights	16:02