



# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

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Dear parent/ carer

## **School bus routes and bus pass applications for September 2023 to July 2024**

As you will be aware last year Coventry City Council subsidised our direct school buses. The Council have been able to secure additional funding for school buses for this academic year only.

There are some changes this year to services that cover the Willenhall area. The S46 bus service will no longer run. The City Council have agreed with Stagecoach to run the No.60 bus as a double decker. This is a public bus and will drop/ pick up students near the Burnt Post public house on the A45. The No.60 bus will also run through Cheylesmore. To purchase a bus pass for the No.60 bus, please open the link

<https://legacy.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/?allowBus&passengerType=Child&timeBand=Longer%20than%20a%20month&limit=6&limitExact=6#sbmBtn> and follow the instructions. Please note if you purchase a bus pass for the No.60 bus this cannot be used on our school buses.

From September 2023, the direct school bus routes will be as follows:

- S40 – All Souls – Wildcroft Avenue, Allesley Old Road and Hearsall Common area
- S48 – Our Lady of the Assumption – Canley / Tile Hill via Charter Avenue, Station Avenue and Tile Hill Lane
- S49 – St John Vianney – Eastern Green – route to be confirmed
- S50 – St Mary & St Benedict – Tollbar End / Whitley, Lower Stoke, Hillfields.

Detailed routes and stops will be published later this summer.

An application form for a bus pass is attached and is available on our website. If you would rather collect an application form from school, you are able to do so on a Monday to Friday inclusive between 10am and 2pm. The deadline for completed applications is Monday 14 August 2023.

Applications will be considered on distance from school. We will inform you by 31 August 2023 if your application has been successful and which route you have been allocated.

If you are in arrears for your child's 2022/ 23 bus pass, you must arrange to pay the arrears before we can consider an application for 2023/ 24.

The annual cost of the pass for this year is £330. We will continue to offer you the ability to spread the cost over the year either by paying monthly or termly or you can pay in full as a one off payment.



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## **Low income bus pass**

From September 2023, we will only be able to offer free bus passes for students in Year 11 only **who meet all** of the following criteria:

- Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School was the first choice of school or your child attended a feeder primary school
- parents/ carers home address is more than three miles from the school
- parents/ carers have been in receipt of free school meals in the last six years.

From September 2023, we are unable to offer bus pass support to students who will be in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Low income bus passes are supplied by Coventry City Council and must be applied for by following this link <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schools-schooling/school-travel-passes/3>

## **Sixth Form**

If you are joining the Sixth Form from Year 11, you can apply for a pass on a school bus. If you are in arrears for your child's 2022/ 23 bus pass, you must arrange to pay the arrears before we can consider an application for 2023/ 24.

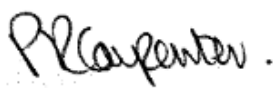
If you have a child in the Sixth Form, those parents/ carer who are on a low income can apply for travel bursary to support the purchase of a bus pass. Application forms are available from school by emailing [admin@bishoppullathorne.co.uk](mailto:admin@bishoppullathorne.co.uk) with your request.

As soon as we receive more information on timetables and routes, we will let you know.

Bus routes are very expensive to run and we are grateful that Coventry City Council continue to subsidise your child's school bus routes. Without the subsidy, bus passes would cost around £800 per student per year. We have no guarantee that the bus routes will be running in September 2024.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**P Carpenter**  
**Business Manager**

