



MINIBUS SERVICE
FOR DAY AND BOARDING PUPILS

2022-23



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How to book the minibus service

General enquiries should be sent to:

bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk

or

The admissions team may also be able to assist and can be contacted on 01323 452323; they will redirect your call as required. To reserve a bus place, please complete the enclosed booking form on the back cover and return it to:

bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk or via post to:

Bussing team
Eastbourne College
Old Wish Road
Eastbourne
BN21 4JY

All booking requests will be acknowledged by the relevant teams and confirmation will be sent to parents along with required payment method and any appropriate terms and conditions or next steps.

Final timings and bus routes for 2022–23 will be confirmed before the start of term.

Disclaimer

Bussing arrangements are subject to termly or annual review and are subject to availability. The College reserves the right to make changes to routes, stops, timings or charges as it sees fit. Buses are operated by Eastbourne College Enterprises Ltd.

A minibus service for day pupils

Eastbourne College provides a return minibus service to the College on weekdays and a one-way service on Saturday mornings. The network consists of **12** routes and covers a radius of 30 miles. College minibuses cover all routes and are operated by fully trained and qualified drivers.



How the minibus service works

Mornings

All routes aim to deliver pupils to Eastbourne College by 8.15am Monday to Friday, and by 9.15am on a Saturday. Parents are encouraged to deliver pupils to their stops at least five minutes before departure times. All drivers follow the timetable as closely as possible and will not leave the stops before the stated time nor wait for latecomers.

Evenings

Buses in the evening depart from Eastbourne College at 6.00pm and 8.00pm, unless otherwise advised in advance. Pupils will be delivered to drop-off points as near as possible to listed times, subject to traffic delays. Once pupils leave the bus at their agreed stop, the bus will continue with its journey – parents are responsible for pupils from this point. Parents are to collect pupils if they cannot board the 8.00pm bus because of further involvement in school activities.

Saturdays

Buses will depart for the College approximately one hour later on Saturday mornings. There are no return buses on Saturday afternoons.

Minibus routes 2022–23



Minibus route timetables 2022–23

Route No	Start location	Time	Approximate mid-location	Time
1	Saltdean	7.10am	Seaford	7.30am
2	North Chailey	7.05am	Lewes	7.20am
3	Uckfield	7.10am	Golden Cross	7.35am
4	Tunbridge Wells	7.00am	Heron's Ghyll	7.20am
5	Tunbridge Wells	7.00am	Horam	7.30am
6	Heathfield	7.15am	Hellingly	7.35am
7	Burwash	7.00am	Bodle Street	7.30am
8	Hawkhurst	7.05am	John's Cross	7.15am
9	Battle	7.10am	Ninfield	7.30am
10	Hastings	7.15am	Little Common	7.35am
11	Polegate	7.30am	Langney	7.40am
12	Brighton	7.10am	Express service no stops	

All times are estimated and subject to change. Routes are updated yearly, so stops may vary. Route details will be emailed to parents by late August. All routes aim to deliver pupils to Eastbourne College by 8.15am, Monday to Friday and by 9.15am on Saturday. For more information about the Brighton express service, bussing queries, or which route applies to you, please contact: Sheila Walker 01323 451925, or bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk

Charges

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Return journey	£378	£439	£536	£640	£700
Single journey	£283	£328	£400	£492	£525

Shape of the weekend: bussing for boarders 2022–23

The new shape of the week allows our boarding community additional flexibility to spend time away from the school at weekends. A full enrichment programme and compulsory sports fixtures will still be on offer over the weekend, but if a boarder has completed their school commitments, they have the option of spending some or all of the weekend at home or with their guardian.

In order to aid families with this increased flexibility, the College provides minibus transport to some destinations over the weekend. Along with the extensive train network servicing Eastbourne, we are confident that our boarders will be able to get to and from school flexibly over the weekend.

Minibus service for boarding pupils

A selection of minibus drop-off and pick-up routes are offered across the weekend. Bookings must be made in advance and are subject to availability. At least one week’s notice must be given to book one of the routes below.

Bookings can be made for the full term but parents are asked to consult the White Book (school calendar) to ensure that bookings do not clash with compulsory school activities/fixtures.

Other routes are always under review and can be discussed with the bussing team via bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

Rail network access to Eastbourne

The College is less than a ten-minute walk to the Eastbourne train station. Regular trains service areas to the west, east and north of Eastbourne.

Network rail cards

For information on young person’s rail cards visit: www.railcard.co.uk

Journey times

Lewes.....	19mins
Brighton.....	37mins
Haywards Heath.....	39mins
London Victoria.....	1hr 26mins
Gatwick Airport.....	51mins
Ashford International.....	1hr 6mins

Departing from Eastbourne College to:

Friday evening	Tunbridge Wells – Sainsbury’s car park	6.00pm	£8 per trip
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Returning to Eastbourne College from:

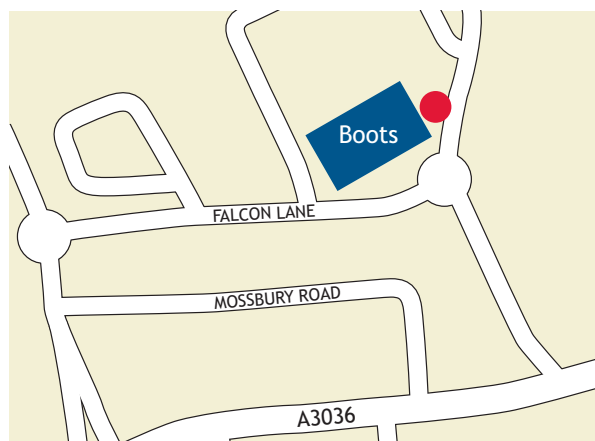
Saturday morning	Tunbridge Wells – Sainsbury’s car park	8.00am	£8 per trip
Sunday evening	South London – Clapham Junction, behind Boots on Falcon Lane (opposite ASDA car park)	7.00pm	£22 per trip
	Tunbridge Wells – Sainsbury’s car park	8.00pm	£15 per trip
Monday morning	Tunbridge Wells – Sainsbury’s car park	7.00am	£8 per trip

Please note

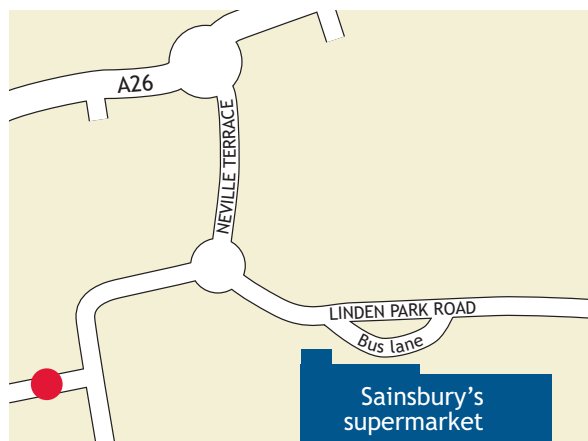
- all timings are approximate and will be confirmed before the start of term
 - boarders must report for the 6pm bus on a Friday evening, but space is dependent on availability; boarders may be asked to return for the 8pm bus if space is not available
 - escorted train travel for Year 9s to London can be discussed; please contact admissions
- To make a booking, please contact bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk with the dates and routes you would like to book. Payment will be taken in advance and refunds unfortunately cannot be given.

Drop-off and pick-up locations – Clapham Junction and Tunbridge Wells

● Boots, Clapham Junction, Falcon Lane
SW11 2LG



● Sainsbury's, Tunbridge Wells, Linden Park Road
TN2 5QL



Please note

- on an exeat weekend, the Sunday evening service from Clapham Junction and Tunbridge Wells will operate but there will not be any bus service to the College at the end of a half-term or full-term holiday

Weekend	Start	Boarders to return	Term resumes for all pupils
MICHAELMAS TERM 2022 (Wednesday 31 August–Friday 16 December 3.45pm)			
Exeat	Friday 23 September 2.35pm	Sunday 25 September *6.00–9.00pm	Monday 26 September
Half Term	Friday 14 October 2.35pm	*Sunday 30 October *4.00–9.00pm	Monday 31 October
Exeat	Friday 18 November 2.35pm	Sunday 20 November *6.00–9.00pm	Monday 21 November
Christmas Holidays	Friday 16 December 3.45pm	Sunday 8 January *6.00pm (for boarders**)	Monday 9 January
LENT TERM 2023 (Monday 9 January–Friday 24 March 3pm)			
Exeat	Thursday 26 January 2.35pm	Sunday 29 January *6.00–9.00pm	Monday 30 January
Half Term	Friday 10 February 2.35pm	*Sunday 19 February *4.00–9.00pm	Monday 20 February
Exeat	Friday 10 March 2.35pm	*Sunday 12 March *4.00–9.00pm	Monday 13 March
Easter Holidays	Friday 24 March 3pm	Monday 17 April *6.00pm (for existing boarders**)	Tuesday 18 April
SUMMER TERM 2023 (Tuesday 18 April–Saturday 1 July 4pm)			
Leave out	Saturday 29 April	Monday 1 May *6.00–9.00pm	Tuesday 2 May
Half Term	Friday 26 May 2.35pm	Sunday 4 June *4.00–9.00pm	Monday 5 June

* Boarders return between these times (no College supper available)

** Boarders flying long haul back to College may enter the house from 9am

** All boarders to attend supper at this time

MINIBUS BOOKING FORM 2022-23

Name of pupil.....

Year group.....House.....

Please return this form by Monday 22 July 2022 to bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk or via post to Bussing team, Eastbourne College, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JY

Please book a bus place for my child on the following route:

(please tick as appropriate)

Mornings: Monday to Saturday

Evenings: Monday to Friday

(Please tick route)

Home address

Route 1	Saltdean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 2	North Chailey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 3	Uckfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 4	Tunbridge Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 5	Tunbridge Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 6	Heathfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 7	Burwash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 8	Hawkhurst	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 9	Battle	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I understand that conditions of use for the minibus transport service will be provided with confirmation of my booking.

Parent/guardian signature..... Date.....

Printed name.....