



2024/25

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# MINIBUS SERVICE

For day and boarding pupils

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## A MINIBUS SERVICE FOR DAY PUPILS

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Eastbourne College provides a return minibus service to the school on weekdays and a service into school on Saturday mornings. The school's network consists of 11 routes and covers a radius of 40 miles.

The school offers an extensive transport network across the South East to accommodate the needs of parents/carers.

The minibus service is operated by the school using our in-house drivers and fleet of vehicles. Drivers are DBS checked and regularly undertake training to ensure the safety of pupils travelling on the service.



# HOW THE MINIBUS SERVICE WORKS

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## Mornings

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All routes aim to deliver pupils to Eastbourne College by 8.15am, Monday to Friday, and by 9.15am on a Saturday. Parents/carers 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

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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/carers are responsible for pupils from this point. Parents/carers are to collect pupils if they cannot board the 8.00pm service due to further involvement in school activities.

## Saturdays

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Buses will depart for the College approximately one hour later on Saturday mornings and aim to arrive at school for 9.15am. There are no return journeys on Saturday afternoons.

## How to book

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All bookings for home to school minibuses journeys are made via our online booking system, which can be viewed at [eastbournecollege.vectare.co.uk](http://eastbournecollege.vectare.co.uk).

Payment for the service is made at the time of booking and the child's name will automatically be added to the minibuses register. The website also incorporates an interactive journey planner, which allows parents/carers to enter a postcode to find their closest minibuses stop. The online service keeps parents/carers updated on their child's journey with real time information and push-notifications. *Booking for the new school year is not available until mid-July when the new booking window opens.*

Bookings should be made in advance for all home to school journeys. A priority booking window will be in operation for parents/carers wishing to book regular full week return or one-way journeys (Mon to Fri) for the term or whole year. There will be a separate discounted fare for parents/carers requiring the Saturday morning service into school, which should be booked as an ad hoc journey.

We also offer a flexible fare for specific regular (but not full week) journeys to fit around family requirements as well as for parents/carers requiring ad-hoc journeys. These can be booked online in advance of travel, when required and where capacity allows.

For further information on the service please contact Sheila Walker on 01323 451925 or [bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk).

# CHARGES

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The annual charges for the bus service for the academic year are as follows:

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Full week return journey	£1310	£1521	£1859	£2218	£2426
Full week single Journey	£980	£1137	£1386	£1704	£1821
4 days return journey	£1074	£1254	£1529	£1829	£2009
4 days single journey	£799	£929	£1130	£1391	£1491
3 days return journey	£826	£971	£1178	£1413	£1558
3 days single journey	£610	£713	£863	£1065	£1143
Single journey	£6	£7	£8	£9	£9
Single journey Saturday	£3.15	£3.70	£4.20	£5.25	£5.25

The cost of a termly fare is calculated at the point of booking and is based on the number of weeks in that term.

An additional administrative charge of £10 will be added to every journey taken where advance booking and payment is not made. We request parents use the booking platform to ensure their child is guaranteed a seat and to ensure the school's travel records are maintained correctly.



# SHAPE OF THE WEEKEND: BUSSING FOR BOARDERS

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The 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

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Subject to availability, boarding pupils can book a seat on a Friday evening, Saturday morning and Monday morning minibus. Depending on demand, it may not be possible to guarantee a 6.00pm departure on a Friday evening to a boarder and they may need to wait until the 8.00pm bus. However, pupils will get home when they arrive for the 8.00pm bus.

In addition, a Sunday service on designated days from Clapham and Tunbridge Wells is available. Please check dates and details when this service is available. Spaces are subject to availability and the school reserves the right to cancel the Clapham and Tunbridge Wells Sunday service if there is no demand and term has entered the final week prior to the service running.

All boarding journeys must be booked one week in advance and can be booked on an ad hoc or termly basis via the school's online booking platform.

### The cost for the Sunday service is:

From Clapham Junction.....	£25.00
From Tunbridge Wells.....	£17.50

Charges for parents/carers wishing to book a boarding pupil on a Friday evening, Saturday morning or Monday morning service are priced at the Single Journey price.

Other routes are always under review and can be discussed with the bussing team via [bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:bussing@eastbourne-college.co.uk).

## Rail network access to Eastbourne

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The College is less than a ten-minute walk to Eastbourne train station. Regular trains run across the region to the west, east and north of Eastbourne. There is a direct service to London Victoria. See [www.southernrailway.com](http://www.southernrailway.com) for further details on the rail network.

## Network rail cards

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For information on young person's rail cards visit: [www.railcard.co.uk](http://www.railcard.co.uk).

### Journey times from Eastbourne

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

Please contact **Admissions** for further details on escorted train travel for Year 9 pupils to London.

# MINIBUS ROUTES 2024/25

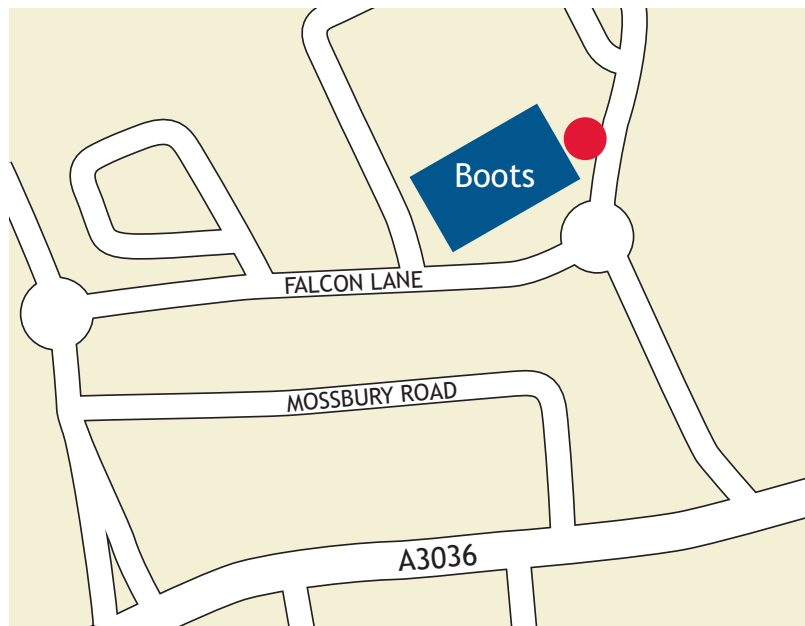


## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOCATIONS – CLAPHAM JUNCTION AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS

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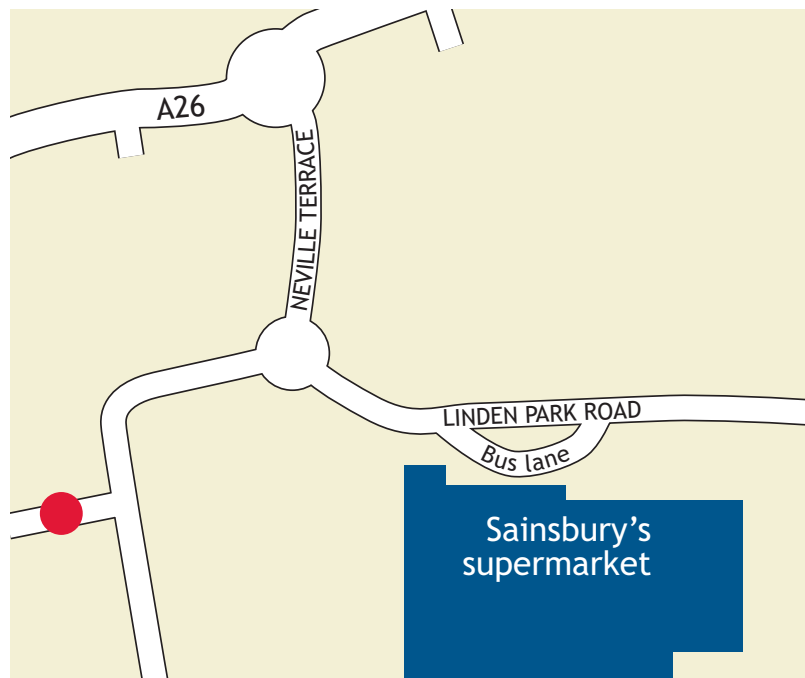
### Clapham Junction

Boots, Falcon Lane  
SW11 2LG



### Tunbridge Wells

Sainsbury's, 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



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