

## School Transport

If you live more than three miles from school, or indeed more than walking distance or relatively safe cycling distance from school, you will no doubt be concerned about transport for your son/daughter to/from school. At present any student under 16, living in West Berkshire, but more than three miles from their designated school is eligible for free travel. To learn more about transport to school and to access the West Berkshire online application form to go [www.westberks.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/schooltransport).



Alternatively you can contact the Pupil Transport Officer at West Berkshire, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD on 01635 519777 or by email [Pupiltransport@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:Pupiltransport@westberks.gov.uk).

Authorisation is not an automatic process and you do need to apply well before September. Some children living less than 3 miles from school may be eligible due to other considerations.

Please see the West Berkshire Website for full details.

For students eligible for free transport, contracts will be between yourselves and the contractors/West Berkshire Council. Reading buses operates as a normal public service. For your information, these are the names and phone numbers of transport contractors who at present give comprehensive cover for children who live more than 3 miles from The Willink School.

<b>Aldermaston and Pingewood</b>	<b>Horseman Coaches Ltd</b> 0118 9753811
<b>For Beech Hill and Mortimer</b>	<b>Stewarts of Mortimer</b> 0118 9831231
<b>For Reading → Tadley, Mortimer → Willink</b>	<b>Reading Buses</b> 0118 9594000

We are constantly in touch with these companies to ensure a prompt and reasonable service. Obviously we cannot supervise the pickup of students in the morning, but at the end of the school day all bus/coach travellers are supervised onto their transport until the last student has gone. If for some reason a student misses a bus they should report to the member of staff on duty or the School Office and we will try and help in any way we can. With regard to free travel in West Berkshire, once your application is approved, the bus pass plus details of pick up place and time will be sent to your home, not the school. More precise details will be made available later this term by the transport company including 'pick-up' points, times and costs.

### Mortimer Community Bus

Mortimer Community Bus Service (MCBS) offers a bus service at 8:10am from the centre of Mortimer to the Willink School and return at the end of the day back to Mortimer centre. If you would like a place on this service then please email [mortimerCBS@gmail.com](mailto:mortimerCBS@gmail.com). This is a community based service and the terms and conditions can be found on the application form. Pricing varies, but is typically £170.00 per child per term.