

## Welcome

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to look at Blundell's school bus service for the 2023-2024 academic year. This guide sets out the wide range of travel options available to the pupils at Blundell's.

We are delighted to be continuing our partnership with Vectare, a specialist school transport management company. Vectare will manage all aspects of the school's bus service, and any enquiries can be directed to their team at transport@blundells.org.

All bookings for school bus routes are made via our online booking system, which can be viewed at **blundells.vectare.co.uk**. From January 2024, payments for bookings can be made online at the time of booking and your child's name will automatically be added to the register. The website also incorporates an interactive journey planner which allows you to enter your postcode and find your closest bus stop.

This guide provides an overview of the school bus service network and contains further details including fare and timetable information. All bookings for all routes can be made via the dedicated transport website. The website allows you to book travel 24/7 from anywhere in the world, meaning that if you need to leave early for work one morning or you are running late and you would like your child to travel on a school bus as a one off, you can make a booking right up until the bus is due to depart.

Other amendments and changes can also be made via the 'my account' section of the website.

If you need any further assistance, or you would like to discuss travel options from areas not currently served by our network, please contact us via the bookings website and we will be pleased to assist. I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child a pleasant and successful academic year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

The Transport Team



# Route Map



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Scan the QR code to make a booking!

## Timetable

Crewkerne (Monday mornings only)		
Stops	AM	
Cricket St Thomas Golf Club	06:55	
Blundell's School	08:10	

Kingsbridge (Monday mornings only)	
Stops	AM
California Inn, Ivybridge	06:55
Blundell's School	08:10

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Scan the QR code or go to blundells.vectare.co.uk to locate your nearest stop and book regular travel.



Make your booking and get instant confirmation.

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Contact Vectare via the website if you have any questions.

Barnstaple		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
Tesco Car Park	07:25	18:30
South Molton (Mole Valley Farmers)	07:40	18:15
Moortown Cross (Picnic/Service Station)	07:55	18:00
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30

Crediton		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
Devonshire Dumpling Car Park	07:25	18:45
Morrison's Car Park	07:40	18:30
Cadbury Cross	07:50	18:15
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30

Dulverton		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
Exmoor House Car Park	07:35	18:20
Exbridge	07:45	18:10
Bampton Main Street	07:55	18:05
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30

Exeter and Exe Valley		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
St. Leonards Road jct with Wonford Road	07:25	18:35
St. David's Station	07:40	18:15
Stoke Canon	07:55	18:05
Ruffwell Inn	08:00	18:00
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30

Heathfield		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
Heathfield (ATS Depot) - Newton Abbot pick up	07:25	18:30
Costa/McDonald's, A38	07:40	18:15
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30

	M5		
Stops		AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
The Saddlers		07:05	18:45
Dart's Farm		07:25	18:25
Cullompton		07:45	17:55
Blundell's School		08:15	17:30

Sidmouth and Honiton		
Stops	AM (M-SA)	PM (M, T, TH, F)
Blue Ball Inn	07:05	18:45
Hare & Hounds, Sidford	07:15	18:35
Heathpark Service Station / Lidl Car Park	07:25	18:30
Daisy Mount	07:35	18:20
Blundell's School	08:15	17:30



#### Fares

Crewkerne & Kingsbridge - Single Trip (per journey)

£12.50

All other routes - Single Trip (per journey)

£6.00



### Terms & Conditions

- This agreement is made between all school bus passengers, their parents and Blundell's School in order to provide safe, comfortable and civilised journeys for all passengers.
- Arrangements for pupils' journeys to and from school are the responsibility of their parents. To assist with discharging this responsibility, Blundell's School provides a school bus service. Parents are responsible for their children at all times including both prior to and after boarding and alighting.
- 3. Transport on the School bus service must be arranged in advance. The booking options are termly, weekly, daily or single journey. Payment is currently arranged through the school invoice - from January 2024 payments will be made via Stripe at the time of booking. All bookings are subject to availability. The service is available on an ad-hoc basis, but this is subject to demand once term starts.
- We require 48 hours notice of any cancellation after which bookings are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel.
- 5. Bookings and cancellations are to be made via **blundells.vectare.co.uk**.
- Each pupil for whom an online form has been submitted will be added to a bus list detailing the service they travel on, their bus stop and what travel has been paid for. Their name will appear on a list which will be checked by the driver.
- 7. It will be the parent's responsibility to inform the school via the Contact Us form on the website if they no longer wish for their child to use the School bus service.
- No pupil is permitted to travel on the school bus service
  if not pre-booked for that bus. Other arrangements for
  journeys to and from school must be made by the pupil
  or their parents. Pupils must travel to and from Blundell's
  in full school uniform or full school tracksuit.

- Pupils should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure to ensure they do not miss the bus. Drivers will not wait past the scheduled departure time.
- 10. Good conduct is required at all times. Shouting, use of inappropriate language, dropping litter, playing loud music or any other misbehaviour is strictly forbidden, as is eating on the bus. Pupils must ensure that any online activity will not cause distress to others.
- 11. Except when embarking or disembarking, all passengers must remain seated with their seat belts fastened correctly.
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- Pupils who travel on the school bus service without permission from Blundell's School (i.e. without having prebooked) will have a standard fare of £20 added to the school account.
- 14. Whilst on a school bus, all passengers must accept the authority of a member of staff or driver, who may ask them to obey any reasonable instruction such as pick up litter, cease from certain actions or to move to a different seat.
- 15. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the matter being referred to their houseparent and may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the School bus service.
- 16. Blundell's School aims for 95% of journeys to operate within the transport industry window of tolerance of one minute early to five minutes late, however timings may vary due to traffic conditions or unforeseen circumstances.



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