



**BRIGHTON
GIRLS**
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School Minibus Service
2022-2023

WELCOME

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to look at our Transport and Travel Guide for the 2022-23 academic year, which sets out the wide range of travel options available to pupils at Brighton Girls. From our own school minibusservice for pupils in Year 3 and above, to the public transport options available, there are plenty of opportunities for a sustainable journey to school.

We run a school minibusservice covering both the north, east and west of the school. These routes arrive at the school at 08:30 each morning, in time for registration, and depart from the school at 16:45 at the end of the school day. All bookings for school minibusservice routes are made via our online booking system, which can be viewed at brightongirls.vectare.co.uk. Payment for the service is made at the time of booking and your child's name will automatically be added to the minibusservice register.

The website also incorporates an interactive journey planner which allows you to enter your postcode and find your closest minibusservice stop.

All of our school minibusservice routes are operated using our own in-house drivers and minibusses. Drivers are DBS checked and regularly undertake the MiDAS course to ensure the safety of the pupils travelling. The team of drivers operate the same routes on a regular basis which allows parents and students to get to know them.

I hope that you are able to find a travel solution that works for you. If you need any further assistance, or you would like to discuss travel options from areas not currently served by our school minibusservice network, please get in touch and we will be pleased to assist.

Kind regards,

Nigel McMahon
Director of Finance and Operations

FIVE STAR SERVICE



All of our minibusses are modern, comfortable and fitted with seatbelts at every seat. They are all regularly maintained to the highest standard to give you peace of mind that your child is travelling in safety.



We use dedicated drivers who work on the same route each day. These drivers get to know the pupils and are subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service (DBS) check and full MiDAS training.



Bookings can be made via the online booking system and paid for in advance on a termly basis by credit or debit card. Bookings can be made mid-term subject to availability.



Our school minibusservice network consists of approximately 20 minibusservice stops and we also have direct links from Brighton Railway Station. We want to offer you a travel solution that works for you and your child, so if you need any assistance working out the best route to school then please do get in touch.



It takes less than 30 seconds to find your nearest stop online and booking only takes a few minutes so all the information you need to arrange travel for your child is at your fingertips. To find your nearest stop and book your child's travel, visit brightongirls.vectare.co.uk

Newhaven

Ringmer via Lewes

Lancing via Shoreham

Hurstpierpoint

Bus stop



Cars

Parking near Brighton Girls can be particularly challenging at the start and end of the school day. Parents are advised to note the parking restrictions on the roads adjacent to the school site. Senior pupils are not permitted to park on the school grounds.



Sign up to our school minibus service

TIMETABLES

Newhaven

Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Newhaven, Evelyn Avenue	07:47	17:20
B	Saltdean, Bannings Vale	08:00	17:11
B	Rottingdean, White Horse	08:08	17:05
A	Brighton, Marine Gate	08:15	16:57
A	Brighton, Burlington Street	08:17	16:55
A	Brighton, Pepper Pot	08:18	16:51
-	Brighton Girls School	08:30	16:45

Ringmer via Lewes

Zone	Stop	AM	PM
C	Litlington, Clapham Lane	07:03	17:40
B	Ballard Drive, Ringmer	07:29	17:30
B	Ringmer, The Olde Post Office Mews	07:32	17:27
B	Lewes, Tesco Filling Station	07:47	17:20
B	Lewes, Waitrose - AM Only	07:48	-
B	Lewes, Post Office	07:50	17:17
B	Lewes, Pelham Arms	07:51	17:16
B	Lewes, Brighton Road	07:53	17:14
B	Kingston Ridge, A27	07:57	17:10
A	Brighton, ASDA, Crowhurst Road [ON REQUEST]	08:06	17:03
A	Brighton, Loder Road	08:10	17:00
A	Ditchling Road, Semley Road	-	16:56
A	Brighton, Rugby Road East	08:17	16:55
-	Brighton Girls School	08:30	16:45

Published stops and times are subject to change in accordance with demand





TIMETABLES



Lancing via Shoreham

Zone	Stop	AM	PM
B	Lancing, Berriedale Drive	07:25	17:34
B	Cokeham Road	07:28	17:24
B	Middle Road, Church Green	07:37	17:17
A	Brighton, Foredown Close	07:48	17:08
A	Brighton, West Way Twitten	07:53	17:04
A	Brighton, Edward Avenue	07:59	17:01
A	Brighton, Blatchington Road (Stop T)	08:07	16:55
-	Brighton Girls School	08:30	16:45

Hurstpierpoint

Zone	Stop	AM	PM
C	Cuckfield, The Wheatsheaf	07:30	17:39
B	Hurstpierpoint, War Memorial	07:45	17:19
B	Hurst Wickham, College Lane	07:47	17:17
B	Hassocks, Stonepound Crossroads	07:50	17:14
B	Pyecombe, Garage	07:56	17:08
A	Brighton, Black Lion	08:03	17:04
A	Brighton, The Deneway West	08:06	17:02
A	Brighton, Hillside Way	08:08	17:01
A	Brighton, Whitethorn Drive	08:09	17:00
A	Tongdean Lane West	08:10	16:59
A	Brighton, Hill Brow South	08:12	16:58
-	Brighton Girls School	08:30	16:45

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	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Zone A			
AM or PM only	£194.17	£181.64	£165.98
Return travel	£339.88	£317.95	£290.54
Single journey (ad-hoc)	£6.50		
Zone B			
AM or PM only	£258.89	£242.19	£221.31
Return travel	£453.07	£423.84	£387.30
Single journey (ad-hoc)	£8.00		
Zone C			
AM or PM only	£284.78	£266.41	£243.44
Return travel	£498.38	£466.22	£426.03
Single journey (ad-hoc)	£9.50		

Minibus travel is booked termly in advance via the online booking system. Payment is made at the time of booking and when payment has been made, a confirmation email will be sent.

From September 2022, the Brighton Girls Minibus Service will allow ad-hoc bookings. Bookings can be made subject to availability, and only at the start of each term in which they relate to. These journeys are non-refundable or cancellable unless done in accordance with the terms and conditions of travel. If there are any questions or queries relating to the service, please do not hesitate to contact Vectare at brightongirls@vectare.co.uk

1. This agreement is made between all school minibus passengers, their parents and Brighton Girls in order to provide safe, comfortable and civilised journeys for all passengers.

2. Arrangements for pupils’ journeys to and from school are the responsibility of their parents. To assist with discharging this responsibility, Brighton Girls provides a School Minibus Service. Parents are responsible for their children at all times including both prior to and after boarding and alighting.

3. Transport on the School Minibus Service must be arranged in advance and is paid for through the online booking system. The booking options are for either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons or a return service, subject to availability.

4. Bookings are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel.

5. Bookings are to be made via brightongirls.vectare.co.uk.

6. 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 Minibus Service. Notice of one full term must be given by a parent prior to the removal of a pupil from the School Minibus Service.

8. No pupil is permitted to travel on the School Minibus Service if not pre-booked for that minibus.

Other arrangements for journeys to and from school must be made by the pupil or their parents. Pupils must travel to and from Brighton Girls in full school uniform. Full school tracksuit or non-uniform can only be worn when permission has been granted.

9. 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.

11. Except when embarking or disembarking, all passengers must remain seated with their seat belts fastened correctly.

12. Whilst on a school minibus, 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.

13. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the matter being referred to the pupil’s class teacher or Head of Year and may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the School Minibus Service.

14. Brighton Girls 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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