ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

TRANSPORT GUIDE

2026/27

Welcome

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Thank you for using the Royal Hospital School bus service for the 2026-27 academic year. This guide sets out the various travel routes and the process for booking as well as our expected code of conduct for our pupils travelling on the bus routes.

Building upon our successful partnership, we are pleased to announce the continuation of our collaboration with Vectare, a specialist school transport management company. Vectare are responsible for over 2.5 million independent school journeys per annum and will continue to manage all aspects of our bus services, including bookings and queries.

All bookings for school bus routes are made via an online booking system, which can be accessed at royalhospitalschool.vectare.co.uk, and any enquiries can be directed to their team at royalhospitalschool@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 register and route. This information is then passed to the bus operators as normal.

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

You can also track the bus on its route to and from the school via the app.

This guide provides an overview of the school bus service network and contains further details including fare and timetable information.

The website allows you to book day pupil 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, subject to seat availability.

If you need any further assistance, or you would like to discuss travel options from areas not currently served by our network, please contact Vectare via the bookings website and they will be pleased to assist.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child a successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Garry Tunnicliffe
Chief Operating Officer



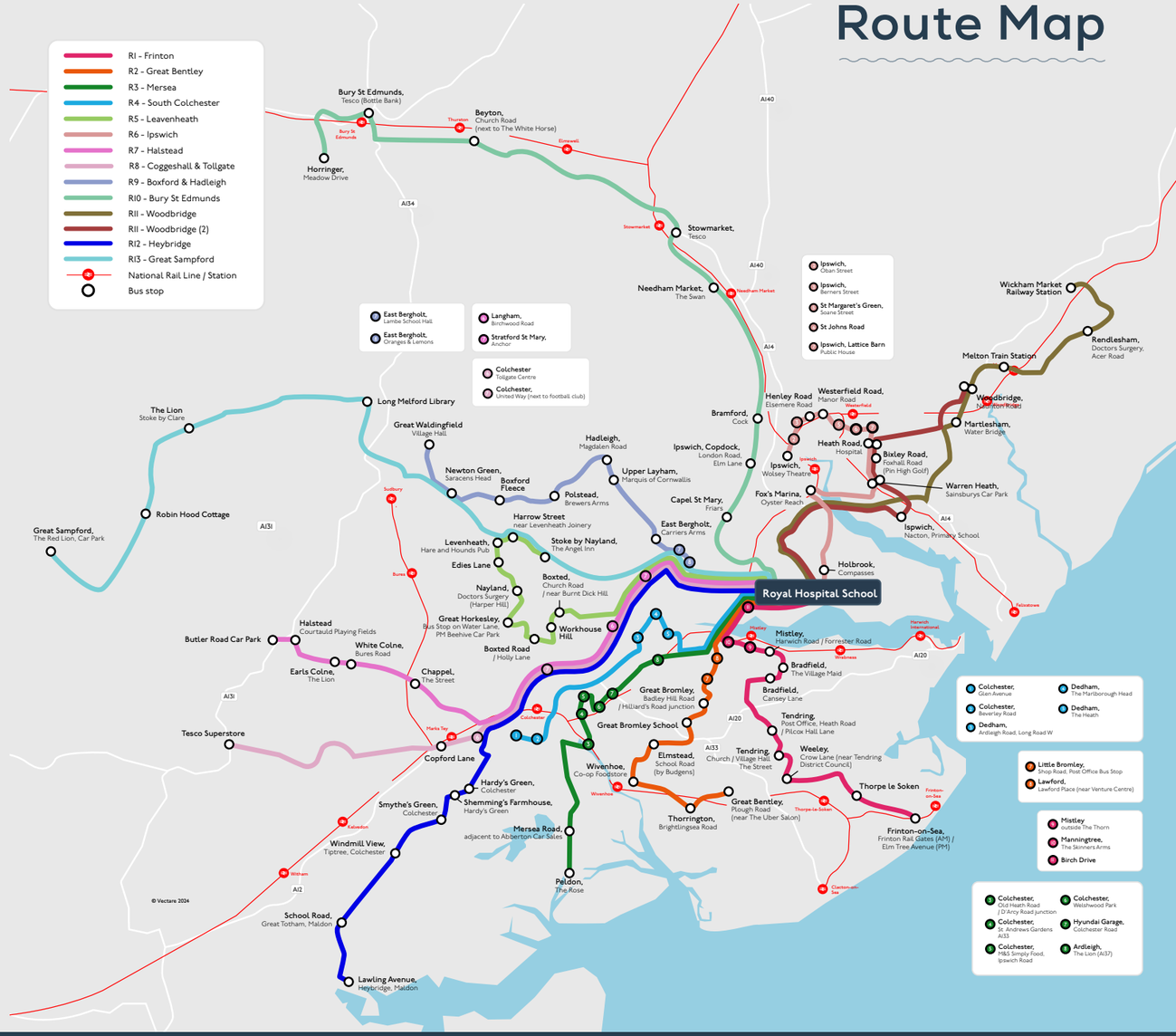
How to Book

1. Scan the QR code or go to **royalhospitalschool.vectare.co.uk** to locate your nearest stop and make a booking

2. Make your booking and get instant confirmation.

3. Contact Vectare via the website if you have any questions.

Route Map



Timetable

R1 - Frinton

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
10	Frinton-on-Sea, Frinton Rail Gates AM / Elm Tree Avenue PM	07:05	08:35	18:20
9	Thorpe le Soken	07:12	08:42	18:14
8	Weeley, Crow Lane (near Tendring District Council)	07:17	08:47	18:10
8	Tendring, Church / Village Hall The Street	07:20	08:50	18:07
8	Tendring, Post Office, Heath Road / Pilcox Hall Lane	07:22	08:52	18:40
3	Bradfield, Cansey Lane	07:33	09:03	18:00
3	Bradfield, The Village Maid	07:40	09:10	17:53
3	Mistley, Harwich Road / Forrester Road	07:44	09:14	17:51
3	Mistley, outside The Thorn	07:45	09:15	17:50
3	Manningtree, The Skinners Arms	07:48	09:17	17:48
3	Birch Drive	08:10	09:35	17:40
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

Request stop

R2 - Great Bentley

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
4	Great Bentley, Plough Road (near The Uber Salon)	07:05	08:40	18:30
4	Thorrington, Brightlingsea Road	07:10	08:45	18:25
4	Wivenhoe, Co-op Foodstore	07:20	08:50	18:15
4	Elmstead, School Road (by Budgens)	07:30	09:00	18:05
4	Great Bromley School	07:35	09:05	18:00
4	Great Bromley, Badley Hall Road / Hilliards Road junction	07:38	09:08	18:00
3	Little Bromley, Shop Road, Post Office Bus Stop	07:40	09:10	17:58
3	Lawford, Lawford Place (near Venture Centre)	07:45	09:15	17:55
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R3 - Mersea

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
10	Peldon, The Rose (TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED)	07:05	08:35	18:27
8	Mersea Road, adjacent to Abberton Car Sales	07:09	08:39	18:22
7	Colchester, Old Heath Road / D'Arcy Road junction	07:18	08:48	18:13
7	Colchester, St Andrews Gardens A133	07:26	08:56	18:05
7	Colchester, M&S Simply Food, Ipswich Road	07:28	08:58	18:03
7	Colchester, Welshwood Park	07:31	09:01	18:00
7	Hyundai Garage, Colchester Rd	07:34	09:04	17:37
3	Ardleigh, The Lion (A137)	07:45	09:15	17:55
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R4 - South Colchester

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
7	Colchester, Glen Avenue	07:07	08:37	18:25
7	Colchester, Beverley Road	07:10	08:40	18:24
3	Dedham, Ardleigh Road, Long Road W	07:26	08:56	18:06
3	Dedham, The Marlborough Head	07:31	09:01	18:01
3	Dedham, The Heath	07:35	09:05	17:55
-	Royal Hospital School	08:15	09:45	17:30

R5 - Leavenheath

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
11	Stoke by Nayland, The Angel Inn	07:06	08:36	17:55
11	Harrow Street near Leavenheath Joinery	07:11	08:41	18:00
11	Edies Lane	07:16	08:46	18:05
11	Leavenheath, Hare and Hounds Pub	07:18	08:48	18:07
11	Nayland, Doctors Surgery (Harper Hill)	07:23	08:53	18:12
11	Great Horkesley, Bus Stop on Water Lane, PM Beehive Car Park	07:28	08:58	18:17
10	Boxted Road / Holly Lane	07:33	09:03	18:22
10	Workhouse Hill	07:35	09:05	18:28
10	Boxted, Church Road / near Burnt Dick Hill	07:38	09:08	18:25
-	Royal Hospital School	08:15	09:45	17:30

R6 - Ipswich

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
4	Ipswich, Wolsey Theatre	07:02	08:32	18:28
4	Ipswich, Oban Street	07:07	08:37	18:23
4	Ipswich, Berners Street	07:08	08:38	18:22
4	Henley Road, Elsmere Road	07:10	08:40	18:21
4	Westerfield Road, Manor Road	07:12	08:42	18:19
4	St Margaret's Green, Soane Street	07:18	08:48	18:13
4	St Johns Road	07:20	-	18:25
4	Ipswich, Lattice Barn Public House	07:22	08:52	18:10
4	Heath Road, Hospital	07:25	08:55	18:06
4	Bixley Road, Foxhall Road (Pin High Golf)	07:27	08:57	18:04
4	Warren Heath, Sainsburys Car Park	07:31	09:01	17:59
2	Fox's Marina, Oyster Reach	07:45	09:15	17:40
1	Holbrook, Compasses	07:50	09:20	17:35
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

Request stop

R7 - Halstead

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
11	Butler Road Car Park	06:57	08:33	18:39
11	Halstead, Courtauld Playing Fields	07:00	08:35	18:36
10	Earls Colne, The Lion	07:07	08:42	18:24
10	White Colne, Bures Road	07:16	08:46	18:20
9	Chappel, The Street	07:19	08:49	18:17
8	Langham, Birchwood Road	07:45	09:10	17:56
7	Stratford St Mary, Anchor	07:55	09:20	17:46
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R8 - Coggeshall & Tollgate

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
11	Tesco Superstore	06:55	08:25	18:40
9	Copford Lane	07:20	08:55	18:15
7	Colchester, Tollgate Centre	07:25	09:00	18:09
7	Colchester, United Way (next to the football club)	07:35	09:05	18:01
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R9 - Boxford & Hadleigh

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
11	Great Waldingfield Village Hall	07:00	08:25	18:30
11	Newton Green, Saracens Head	07:05	08:31	18:25
9	Boxford Fleece	07:10	08:36	18:20
7	Polstead, Brewers Arms	07:17	08:43	18:15
6	Hadleigh, Magdalen Road	07:26	08:52	18:10
5	Upper Layham, Marquis of Cornwallis	07:30	08:56	18:05
2	East Bergholt, Carriers Arms	07:46	09:12	17:51
2	East Bergholt, Lambe School Hall	07:47	09:13	17:50
2	East Bergholt, Oranges & Lemons	07:54	09:20	17:47
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R10 - Bury St Edmunds

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
14	Horringer, Meadow Drive	06:35	08:05	19:05
11	Bury St Edmunds, Tesco (Bottle Bank)	06:50	08:20	18:50
10	Beyton, Church Road (next to The White Horse)	07:05	08:35	18:40
10	Stowmarket, Tesco	07:15	08:45	18:30
9	Needham Market, The Swan	07:20	08:50	18:15
3	Bramford, Cock	07:37	09:07	18:00
3	Ipswich, Copdock, London Road, Elm Lane	07:45	09:15	17:55
3	Capel St Mary, Friars	07:47	09:17	17:50
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R11 - Woodbridge

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
13	Wickham Mkt Railway Station	07:16	08:46	18:29
12	Rendlesham, Doctors Surgery, Acer Road	07:26	08:56	18:19
8	Melton Train Station	07:32	09:02	18:13
7	Woodbridge, Naunton Road	07:40	09:10	18:05
6	Martlesham, Water Bridge	07:45	09:15	18:00
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R11 - Woodbridge (2)

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
7	Woodbridge, Naunton Road	07:20	08:45	18:30
4	Heath Road, Hospital	07:35	09:00	18:15
4	Bixley Road, Foxhall Road (Pin High Golf)	07:40	09:05	18:10
4	Warren Heath, Sainsburys Car Park	07:45	09:10	18:05
5	Ipswich (Nacton, Primary School)	07:45	09:25	17:50
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R12 - Heybridge

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	AM (SA)	PM (M-F)
13	School Road, Great Totham, Maldon	07:00	08:30	18:45
12	Lawling Avenue, Heybridge, Maldon	07:07	08:37	18:38
11	Windmill View, Tiptree, Colchester	07:23	08:53	18:22
10	Smythe's Green, Colchester	07:30	09:00	18:15
10	Shemmings Farmhouse, Hardy's Green	07:35	09:05	18:10
10	Hardy's Green, Colchester	07:37	09:07	18:09
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	09:45	17:30

R13 - Great Sampford

Zone	Stop	AM (M-F)	PM (M-F)
13	The Red Lion Great Sampford, Car Park	06:50	19:02
12	Robin Hood Cottage	07:05	18:47
12	The Lion, Stoke by Clare	07:14	18:36
11	Long Melford Library	07:23	17:22
-	Royal Hospital School	08:20	17:30

Scan to make a booking!

Fares

return travel

Zone	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity
Zone 1	£480.60	£390.48	£435.54
Zone 2	£645.18	£524.21	£584.70
Zone 3	£686.00	£557.38	£621.69
Zone 4	£717.60	£583.05	£650.33
Zone 5	£734.72	£596.96	£665.84
Zone 6	£751.84	£610.87	£681.35
Zone 7	£759.74	£617.29	£688.51
Zone 8	£776.85	£631.19	£704.02
Zone 9	£791.34	£642.96	£717.15
Zone 10	£808.45	£656.87	£732.66
Zone 11	£824.25	£669.71	£746.98
Zone 12	£875.81	£715.25	£788.23
Zone 13	£926.05	£756.28	£833.45

Single Trip	£24.20

one way travel

Zone	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity
Zone 1	£274.00	£221.62	£249.82
Zone 2	£367.83	£297.51	£335.38
Zone 3	£391.10	£316.33	£356.59
Zone 4	£409.12	£330.91	£373.02
Zone 5	£418.88	£338.80	£381.92
Zone 6	£428.64	£346.69	£390.82
Zone 7	£433.14	£350.34	£394.92
Zone 8	£442.90	£358.23	£403.82
Zone 9	£451.16	£364.91	£411.35
Zone 10	£460.92	£372.80	£420.25
Zone 11	£469.93	£380.09	£428.46
Zone 12	£512.67	£418.68	£461.40
Zone 13	£542.08	£442.70	£487.87

Single Trip	£24.20

Code of Conduct

This code of conduct has been designed to ensure that all pupils using the school bus service travel in safety and comfort at all times.

1. This agreement is made between all school bus passengers, their parents/guardians and the Royal Hospital School 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/guardians. To assist with discharging this responsibility, The Royal Hospital School provides a school bus service. Parents/guardians 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 and is paid for through the online booking system. The booking options are for either 6 mornings or 5 afternoons or a return service, subject to availability. One off bookings are also available, at a cost of £10 per journey
4. Bookings are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel.
5. Bookings are to be made via royalhospitalschool.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/guardian'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. Notice of a full term must be given by a parent/guardian prior to the removal of a pupil from the school bus service.
8. No pupil is permitted to travel on the school bus service if not pre-booked for that bus, as they will not be insured to travel. Other arrangements for journeys to and from school must be made by them or their parents/guardians.
9. Full school uniform must be worn to school. On the return journey, school uniform, sports kit or civvies may be worn; uniform should be worn correctly and styles should not be mixed. CCF uniform must never be worn when travelling to or from school.
10. Pupils should be at their pick-up point at least five minutes before departure as the bus will always be punctual. Pupils are expected to behave sensibly while waiting for the transport. In the evenings, pupils should muster at the dais at 18:00 and must not attempt to board the buses until instructed to do so by the duty member of staff. Pupils who miss the evening transport should phone home to make alternative arrangements.
11. All pupils using the school bus service should be aware that they are representing the Royal Hospital School and that the reputation of the School must be upheld at all times. It is important to understand that poor behaviour reflects badly on everyone concerned. Normal school rules apply to all pupils using the school bus service. Instructions given by the driver or bus monitor must be obeyed at all times. There must be no shouting, abusive language, disruptive behaviour or bullying of any kind. Property belonging to other pupils should be respected. Pupils may listen to their own music on headphones but no speakers may be used other than the bus's own speaker system at the sole discretion of the driver. Roof vents (in the bus) and locker space (on the outside of the bus) may not be used without the express permission of the driver. All litter should be removed on leaving the bus, or placed in bins provided. Chewing gum is not allowed on the bus. Any item of property left on the bus will be kept by the driver until the next journey. If unclaimed it will be returned to the porters' office to be collected during school hours. Pupils must not do anything which would endanger fellow passengers or the driver; in particular, the driver must not be distracted at any time. The emergency exits must not be opened except in the event of an emergency and must be kept clear of bags. Pupils must be polite and courteous at all times; they should treat the driver as they would any other member of staff.
12. Pupils must remain seated until the bus has stopped and seat belts must be worn throughout the journey. Seats must not be changed during the journey and under no circumstances may a seat be shared.
13. 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.
14. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the matter being referred to the pupil's tutor or Head of Year and may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the school bus service.
15. The Royal Hospital 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.
16. Pupils must be in Year 7 or above to travel on the school bus service.

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