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SCHOOL BUS SERVICES 2018/19 (updated for 8th January 2019 onwards)

Didcot Girls' School and St Birinus School are committed to helping to ensure our students receive a safe and reliable transport service to school. Below are details of the bus services for our students in 2018/19, with the latest timetable information available to us. The timetable is likely to be changed from time to time by the bus companies however so we do advise all parents and students to check details on the Thames Travel and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) transport websites depending on the provider listed below.

OCC assess eligibility for free school transport and arrange for passes to be issued when applicable. Otherwise the bus company, Thames Travel, manages the administration, provides all the tickets and passes and collects any fees for fare paying routes. No tickets can be purchased from school.

There are currently a number of routes every school day that are suitable for Didcot Girls' School and St Birinus School students. This information pack seeks to summarise those that will be in place for the 2018/19 academic year

Route	Operator	Calling at
BB1	Thames Travel	Abingdon, Drayton, Steventon, St Birinus School, Didcot Girls' School
BB1A	Thames Travel	Iffley, Kennington, Radley, Abingdon, Drayton, Steventon, St Birinus School, Didcot Girls' School
BB2	Thames Travel	Berinsfield, Burcot, Dorchester, Shillingford Bridge Roundabout, Wallingford, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, St Birinus School, Didcot Girls' School
33S/X32 (am) To school and replacing the BB4	Thames Travel	East Hanney (33S only), Grove (33S only), Wantage, West Hendred, East Hendred (33S only), Harwell Campus, Rowstock, Harwell, Didcot Girls School (Wantage Road Shops), St Birinus School (33S Only)
X33S/33(pm) From school and replacing the BB4	Thames Travel	St Birinus School (X33S only), Didcot Girls School- Manor Crescent (X33S only), Didcot Girls School- Wantage Road Shops, Harwell, Rowstock, East Hendred, West Hendred, Wantage Market Place, Grove, East Hanney (X33S only)
BB5	Thames Travel	Chilton, Harwell, Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School
33	Thames Travel	Sutton Courtenay, Milton, Didcot Orchard Centre (for St Birinus School), Didcot Wantage Road Shops (for Didcot Girls School). AM continues to Wantage. PM buses continue to Abingdon.

DC02 (a) (ESUK Bus Number 5)	Culham Bus Club in conjunction with Tappins – through OCC School Transport Team	Appleford, Culham, Sutton Courtenay, Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School
DC02 (b) (ESUK Bus Number 9)	Culham Bus Club in conjunction with Tappins – through OCC School Transport Team	Long Wittenham, Sutton Courtenay, Milton, Didcot Girls' School, St Birinus School
94S	Thames Travel - through OCC School Transport Team	North Moreton, South Moreton, Aston Upthorpe, West Hagbourne, Upton, Blewbury, East Hagbourne, St Birinus School, Didcot Girls' School

OCC Provided Free School Transport

Buses DC02 (a) and (b) are specific buses arranged by OCC for free school transport. The 94S bus timetable is also geared around the needs of free school travel students. OCC set the policy on student eligibility for free school transport. Any student aged 8 to 16 is eligible for free travel to the nearest suitable school if it is over the statutory walking distance of 3 miles. Full details of the policy, contact details and how to apply for free school transport are available on the OCC website below, along with details of the timetable.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/travelling-school>

Oxfordshire County Council		
Telephone:	01865 323500 or 01865 815175	SchoolandSocialCareTransport@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

It is possible that tickets may be available to purchase on OCC provided transport even if students do not qualify for free school transport (this is called concessionary transport) but any such queries or requests need to be made direct to OCC.

Students must have an OCC issued bus pass to use the routes below for free school transport. This is important. The school is not able to issue passes for OCC provided transport. Parents should be aware that the opening of new schools has had an impact on eligibility for free school transport. It is really important that, if in doubt, you contact OCC direct as they are the body that will determine whether students are eligible for free school transport to our schools or not.

The latest planned routes and pick up points for OCC dedicated school transport are detailed below. It is emphasised this information could be subject to change so it is important for parents to check very latest information on the OCC website referred to above.

DC02 (a) Appleford to Didcot	To School			To Home		
	Calling at...	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays		
St Birinus School	0834	1524	1425			
Didcot Girls' School	0825	1534	1434			
Sutton Courtenay - Harwell Road	0815	1544	1444			
Sutton Courtenay - High Street Garage	0813	1546	1446			
Sutton Courtenay – The Plough	0812	1547	1447			
Sutton Courtenay - George & Dragon	0810	1549	1449			

Sutton Courtenay – Appleford Road	0808	1551	1451
Culham –Tollgate Road	0755	1554	1454
Appleford – Opposite Former Carpenters Arms	0744	1611	1511

DC02 (b) Long Wittenham to Didcot	To School	To Home	
	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays
Calling at....			
St Birinus School	0834	1525	1425
Didcot Girls' School	0825	1534	1434
Milton High Street	0813	1544	1444
Milton –Heather Road	0811	1545	1445
Bradstocks Way, Milton Road	0808	1548	1448
Long Wittenham - Fieldside	0743	1612	1514
Long Wittenham – The Plough	0742	1613	1513
Long Wittenham –Saxons Heath	0740	1614	1512

Note –the DC02 routes also incorporates stops for the Europa School, where it stops both in the morning and afternoon.

94S Blewbury to Didcot	To School	To Home	
	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays
Calling at....			
St Birinus School	0824	1527	1427
Didcot Girls' School	0832	1535	1435
North Moreton	0810	1631	1531
South Moreton - Crown PH	0804	1625	1525
Aston Upton – Chequers PH	0758	1619	1519
Blewbury	0749	1610	1510
Upton	0741	1604	1504
West Hagbourne	0734	1600	1500

Free School Transport Use on other BB routes below.

OCC does now sometimes provide free school transport passes to eligible students who travel in from locations other than those listed above, e.g. Milton Heights and Steventon. When there are not dedicated OCC provide buses they can make arrangements to issue passes for other routes.

Complaints or comments on OCC provided services can be sent to

QMCC@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Thames Travel Additional School Subsidised Bus / Community Services

Didcot Girls' School and St Birinus School have worked with Thames Travel to ensure there are a wide range of bus routes that are geared around the transport needs of students who live outside of the local area but attend our schools. Oxfordshire County Council do not contribute to the cost of these buses unless a student qualifies for free travel under the County Council scheme, as the buses serve families outside the catchment area for the schools. Didcot Girls' School and St Birinus School subsidise these bus routes to ensure they are affordable for students coming to our schools from outside the immediate catchment area.

Thames Travel operates the BB1, BB1A, BB2, BB5 and 33 services geared around school times and payment is made directly to Thames Travel. Students can buy a 13 week or term passes, a 10-trip ticket or pay daily. The daily and 10-trip tickets can be bought from the driver.

For the 2018/2019 school year, term season tickets have been simplified to just three types as follows:

- Didcot Schools Inner (covering Steventon, Harwell Village and Milton)
- Didcot Schools Outer (covering all other locations to and from Didcot Schools)
- South Oxon Zone (see map at <https://www.thames-travel.co.uk/maps-guides/>)

Didcot Schools Inner and Didcot Schools Outer passes must be bought from the Thames Travel office. The South Oxon Zone tickets can only be purchased online.

Tickets and further information from: Thames Travel on <https://www.thames-travel.co.uk/> or telephone 01865 785400 or 01491 837988, alternatively email office@thames-travel.co.uk. Current ticket prices are given although these may vary from time to time as agreed by the bus company in consultation with the school.

An indication of timetable information is set out below but parents and students are always encouraged to check the Thames Travel website for very latest information:

BB1 – Abingdon to Didcot	To School		To Home (see note)		To Home (see note)	
	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Mon - Thurs	Fridays	Fridays	
Calling at....						
St Birinus School	0817	1524	-	1424	-	
Didcot Girls' School	0822	1532	1525	1432	1425	
Milton Heights Turn*	0804	1539	1532	1439	1432	
Steventon, The Green	0801	1543	1536	1443	1436	
Drayton, The Green	0755	1546	1539	1446	1439	
Abingdon, Saxton Road	0750	1550	1543	1450	1443	
Abingdon Town Centre, Stratton Way	0744	1557	1550	1457	1450	
Abingdon, Peachcroft Roundabout	0732	1602	1555	1503	1455	
Abingdon, Peachcroft Shops	0726	1605	1558	1506	1458	
Abingdon, The Chestnuts	0722	1607	1600	1508	1500	
Abingdon, Swinburne Road	0720	1611	1604	1512	1504	

BB1 Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
Abingdon (all stops)	£3.30	£15.40	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Drayton	£2.70	£12.60	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Steventon	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122

* Time at this stop is indicative. You are advised to be at any stop several minutes before the times shown

Note

There are three buses on the BB1 route taking students home after school (subject to demand). Only one departs from St Birinus School. The other two buses depart from Didcot Girls School, with one bus ending its journey at the Peachcroft roundabout and the other continuing through to Swinburne Road. All students travelling to destinations up to and including Abingdon (except those getting off at Hadland Road Community Centre) are asked to use the BB1 rather than the BB1A to ensure there is sufficient capacity on the BB1A for all our students travelling to the Radley, Kennington and Iffley destinations.

BB1A – Oxford to Didcot	To School		To Home	
	Mon – Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays	
Calling at....				
St Birinus School	0817	1524	1424	
Didcot Girls' School,	0822	1532	1432	
Milton Heights Turn*	0804	1539	1439	
Steventon, The Green	0801	1543	1443	
Drayton, The Green	0755	1546	1446	
Abingdon, Saxton Road	0750	1550	1450	
Abingdon Town Centre, Stratton Way	0744	1557	1457	
Abingdon, Hadland Road Community Centre	0736	1601	1501	
Radley, Railway Station	0730	1607	1507	
Kennington, Manor Grove	0725	1612	1512	
Rose Hill Parade	0712	1621	1521	
Iffley, Freelands Road	0707	1626	1526	

* Time at this stop is indicative. You are advised to be at any stop several minutes before the times shown

BB1A Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
Iffley	£3.70	£17.50	£180	£180	£180	£180
Kennington	£3.30	£15.40	£180	£180	£180	£180
Radley	£3.30	£15.40	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Abingdon	£3.30	£15.40	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Drayton	£2.70	£12.60	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Steventon	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122

BB2 – Berinsfield to Didcot	To School	To Home	
	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays
Calling at....			
St Birinus School	0821	1524	1424
Didcot Girls' School	0827	1532	1432
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Greenmere	0808	1543	1443
Wallingford, Hithercroft Road	0803	1548	1448
Wallingford, Market Place	0800	1552	1452
Shillingford Bridge Roundabout	0752	1559	1459
Dorchester, Memorial	0746	1604	1504
Berinsfield, Health Centre	0733	1613	1513
Berinsfield, War Memorial	0732	1615	1515

BB2 Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
Berinsfield	£3.70	£17.50	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Burcot, Dorchester, Shillingford Bridge and Wallingford	£3.30	£15.40	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Brightwell	£2.50	£11.90	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151

Note

As an alternative to the BB2 students are able to use the X2 bus from Wallingford Market Place that drops off at the Orchard Centre or Station Road. There are similar return routes from these bus stops.

BB5 Chilton and Harwell to Didcot	To School	To Home	
	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays
Calling at....			
St Birinus School	0821	1524	1424
Didcot Girls' School	0815	1532	1432
Harwell High Street	0807	1538	1438
Rowstock Corner*	0801	1541	1441
Harwell Campus, Curie Entrance*	0758	1543	1443
Chilton, Latton Close (Main Street drop off)	0753	1548	1448

* - Time at this stop is indicative. You are advised to be at any stop several minutes before the times shown

BB5 Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
Chilton	£2.50	£11.90	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Harwell Campus	£2.50	£11.90	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Rowstock	£2.50	£11.90	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Harwell Village	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122

33 Buses – Hanney / Wantage to Didcot	To School (33S)	To School (X32)	To Home (X33S)	To Home (X33S)	To Home (33) ³⁸	To Home (33) ³⁸
Calling at.....	Mon-Fri	Mon-Fri	Mon-Thurs.	Friday	Mon-Thurs	Friday
Didcot, St Birinus School	0821		1524	1424		
Didcot, Didcot Girls' School			1532**	1432**		
Didcot, Orchard Centre		0823			1529	1433
Didcot, Wantage Road Shops (for Didcot Girls' School)*	0815	0815	1533	1433	1533**	1436**
Harwell, High Street	0807	0807	1538	1438	1540	1443
Rowstock Corner Garage	0801	0801	1541	1441	1543	1446
Chilton, Main Street		0755				
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0755	0750				1452
East Hendred, The Plough PH	0743		1548	1448	1550	1500
West Hendred, The Hare PH	0738	0738	1551	1451	1553	1503
Ardington Turn*	0735	0735	1553	1452	1555	1504
Wantage, Market Place	0730	0730	1602	1500	1605	1511
Wantage, Seesen Way	0722					
Wantage, Health Centre	0719		1607	1505	1610	1516
Grove, Mayfield Ave	-		1612	1510	1615	1521
Grove, Brereton Drive	0714		1627	1525	1618	1524
Grove, The Green	0713		1625	1523	1616	1522
East Hanney, Black Horse	0705		1618	1516		

* - Time at this stop is indicative. You are advised to be at any stop several minutes before the times shown

38 - Bus becomes service 38 at Wantage Market Place. Passengers may remain on the same bus.

** - Year 7 students will be given first priority use of the bus picking up directly from Didcot Girls School in the afternoon. Older students will be able to pick up the additional bus now stopping at Wantage Road to help service the increased demand for our school from the Wantage area.

33S/X33S Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
East Hanney	£4.00	£18.20	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Grove, Wantage	£3.70	£17.50	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Ardington Turn	£3.00	£14.00	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
West Hendred	£3.00	£14.00	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
East Hendred	£2.70	£12.60	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Rowstock	£2.50	£11.90	£134.25	£174	£139.50	£151
Harwell	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122

33 Bus - Sutton Courtenay to Didcot	To School	To Home	
Calling at....	Mon - Fri	Mon – Thurs	Fridays
Didcot, Wantage Road Shops (for Didcot Girls' School)*	0816	1544	1445
Didcot Orchard Centre (for St Birinus School)	0811	1550	1450
Milton, High Street	0749	1610	1507
Sutton Courtenay, Bradstocks Way	0745	1613	1510
Sutton Courtney, Church Street	0737	1620	1517

33 Fares (as at Sept 18)	Day Return	10 Trip Ticket	13 Week	Term 1 Pass	Term 2 Pass	Term 3 Pass
Sutton Courtenay	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122
Milton	£2.10	£9.80	£127.40	£140	£112.50	£122

Passes can be obtained by contacting Thames Travel direct. Please see their website for further information or contact them on the phone number above. We would recommend you check with Thames Travel on the types of tickets available to ensure the ticket you purchase is the most suitable one for your individual circumstances:

www.thames-travel.co.uk/buy-tickets/school-season-bus-pass

Season ticket (13 week and term) bus passes can be used between Didcot and any point in the same zone shown on the pass. Therefore students attending after school clubs can use other bus services as well as those set out in this guide.

For the purposes of this information guide term prices are for the following periods:

Term 1 – 6th September 2018 to 20th December 2018 (incl October break)

Term 2 – 8th January 2019 to 5th April 2019 (incl Easter break)

Term 3 – 23rd April 2019 to 24th July 2019 (incl May break)

We hope the above information is useful in helping you to plan your journeys to and from our schools.

Code of Conduct for Pupils who use Home to School Transport

We want you and all other passengers to stay safe and travel in comfort, so expect all passengers to follow the following code of conduct. The bus operating company will contact the school if students do not respect the code and may exercise their right to withdraw the right for any student to use their transport provision.

1. Your bus pass

- Carry your bus pass with you whenever you travel to and from school.
- Be ready to show your pass to the bus driver, if it can't be produced then the driver may refuse transport.
- Only use your pass to travel on the route that has been approved.
- Do not use anyone else's pass or allow another person to use yours.
- If you lose your pass, there may be a fee to replace it.

2. Your pick-up point

- You are responsible for getting to your bus's pick-up point.
- Arrive at the pick-up point before your bus is due. The bus will run to a timetable and will not wait if you are late. You are encouraged to be at the pick-up point 5 minutes before the bus is due.
- If a bus is late, be prepared to wait at the pick-up point for 20 minutes but no longer.
- Agree with your parents what to do if the bus does not arrive (e.g. return home or go to a friend's house to organise alternative transport).

3. Keeping safe when getting on and off the bus

- Queue sensibly, well away from the edge of the road.
- Allow passengers leaving the bus to get off before you try getting on.
- Get on and off the bus in an orderly way so you don't hurt yourself or other passengers.
- If you need to cross the road once you have left the bus, make sure the bus has been driven away so you can see other vehicles and their drivers can see you.

4. On the bus

- Stay in your seat once you are on the bus and use a seatbelt if one is provided.
- Do not distract the driver unless there is an emergency.
- Do not stand in front of the driver on the stairwell.
- Do not use emergency exits or doors unless the driver instructs you to or if there is a genuine emergency.
- Do not throw items or damage the inside or outside of the bus. If damage is caused the police will be contacted.
- Always behave politely and with respect and consideration for other passengers on the bus. Any incidents of foul, abusive language or bullying will not be tolerated.
- If the bus breaks down or is involved in an accident, follow the driver's instructions.
- CCTV recording is used in many buses and footage may be used as evidence if there are reports of poor behaviour, if drivers or passengers are hurt or if the bus is damaged.

Note – School duty staff are present at the start and end of school to assist students.