

Transport to school

The school is less than 10 minutes' walk from the town centre bus stops and the railway station. Some buses connecting with various parts of the town pass the school gate or along Old Road West and Darnley Road nearby (in particular route numbers: 3, 305, 306, 308, 417, 489, 495). For details of all routes please visit www.11-19travel.info—Select Dartford & Gravesham area and then select our school.

At present students from Vigo, Culverstone, Meopham, Sole Street and Istead Rise are brought in by special coaches. Application forms for free transport may be obtained from your Primary School for those in Year 6 or from the Transport Team, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ. Telephone number 01622 696565, email: kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk. These forms should be returned to the Transport Section and not to the school, as soon as possible (June for September 2012 entry) so that students can have their travel arrangements confirmed. Bus tickets and passes will be sent to this school by the beginning of September and collection is arranged during the first day of term. Those who live in Hartley, Longfield, New Barn and New Ash Green have never been entitled to free travel.

The Kent Freedom Pass is available to students who attend a school in Kent, are in academic years 7-11 and are residents in Kent, with parents paying Council Tax to KCC. For further information about the scheme please contact: www.kent.gov.uk/kentfreedompass or telephone 08458 247 247.

1. Please note that from September 2012 Kent County Council no longer provides discretionary transport to grammar schools or denominational schools in the same way it has done in previous years.
2. Other than for some children from low income families or some children in the care of Kent County Council, children admitted to a new school from September 2012 will no longer have an automatic entitlement under Kent County Council's transport policy to free home to school transport to their nearest denominational school or nearest grammar school, if there are other secondary schools closer to home.
3. This means that you may have an older child entitled to discretionary transport and that will continue subject to your circumstances not changing (e.g. moving house or changing school) but younger siblings children may not be eligible in the same way to the same school.

Further details can be found on pages 29-37 of the booklet "Admission to Secondary School in Kent 2012" and you can also seek advice from the Transport Team on 01622 696565.