

Return to School Travel Bulletin #1

3rd September 2020

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council wants to ensure that children and young people can travel to school and college safely and reliably from September. We are working closely with schools, colleges and local public transport operators to monitor the operational effectiveness as students start to return to education.

To help manage travel demand during the first term, we have developed advice for schools and colleges in the form of a travel pack which provides key travel information.

In this regular bulletin we aim to keep you updated with what's happening across the transport network.

This bulletin includes information on additional services that the bus operators are providing as well as some advice on using c2c train services.

Additional Arriva bus services

Arriva is providing additional bus services on routes 7, 8, 9 and 29.

Duplicate services of existing journeys will be run at specific times and will provide additional capacity.

School, Sixth Form and College Services

Some of the additional services that begin with an "S" are reserved for school, sixth form and college students only.

General Services

Some of the additional services are for all passengers. For these services, social distancing and reduced capacity rules will apply, which are clearly marked out onboard.

Timetable

Timetable information for the additional services can be found below and on the Arriva Website [here](#). We strongly recommend those who have a smartphone to download Arriva App for up to date information.



Source: Arriva

Route Number	Route Details	School Journey
		Two buses will run together on the following journeys:
7/8	Shoeburyness to Rayleigh via North Shoebury, Thorpe Bay, Bournes Green, Southend, Southend Airport, Rochford and Hockley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06:25 7 from Landwick • 06:33 7 from Shoeburyness • 06:55 7 from Chichester Road • 07:23 7 from Southend • 13:50 7 from Rayleigh • 14:16 7 from Rayleigh • 14:46 8 from Rayleigh • 15:01 7 from Rayleigh • 15:21 8 from Rayleigh
		Additionally, the 14:22 7 from Ashington School bus will be renumbered S7.
9	Shoeburyness to Rayleigh via Thorpe Bay, Esplanade, Southend and Southend Airport	Two buses will run together on the 1523 Rayleigh to Shoeburyness journey.
29	Belgrave Road to Southend via Belfairs, North Leigh and Fairfax Drive	The 08:08 Southend to Westcliff Schools and 15:45 Westcliff High Schools to Southend buses will be renumbered S29.

Additional First bus services

First is providing additional bus journeys reserved for school, sixth form and college students.

School, Sixth Form and College Services

Some services which typically carry only a very small number of the general public and are being re-designated as 'school children' only services, where

it is anticipated that additional capacity is likely to be required to match demand.

Please note that some of the dedicated services may have a slight different route in order to accommodate the school stops.

Specific vehicles will be allocated to designated school services and posters will be affixed to bus windows to advise.

Timetable

Information for the additional services can be found below. More detailed information can be found on the First Website:

- [School Services](#)
- [Timetable Information](#)
- [Coronavirus Services Information](#)

We strongly recommend those who have a smartphone to download First App for up to date information.



Source: First

Route Number	School Journey
625	Chelmsford to Westcliff & Southend Schools
725	Basildon to Westcliff & Southend Schools
822	Canvey to Westcliff & Southend Schools
825	Basildon to Westcliff & Southend Schools
827	Canvey to Westcliff Schools

Face Coverings on Public Transport

Face Coverings are mandatory for children 11 and over on general public transport services. Young children under the age of 11 or children on dedicated school transport services are exempt from wearing face coverings.

Social Distancing on Public Transport

Social distancing should be maintained and reduced capacity will be in operation on general public transport services. For dedicated school transport services, students from any year group and from any school or college located on the route can travel on these buses. If you need to travel on the same bus as students from another school or college then please sit with others from your own school or college, ideally from your own year group. Where possible please maintain social distancing.

Safety Measures on Public Transport

As well as following government guidelines on the use of face coverings and social distancing, all public transport operators who operate in Southend have enhanced cleaning regimes in operation.

It is recommended that students carry hand sanitiser to use when using public transport services and where possible windows will remain open to maximise ventilation.

Advice for using c2c Train Services

In preparation of students returning to school, c2c have created a 'Code of Conduct': Travel Safe, Travel Smart, and Keep Apart.

See attached posters.