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Transport Guide

2026/2027

WELCOME

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to look at The New Beacon School bus services for the 2026/2027 academic year. This is the second version of such a guide, which sets out the wide range of travel options available to the pupils at The New Beacon School.

The New Beacon School have appointed Vectare, a specialist school transport management company, to manage the school bus services. Vectare are responsible for over 2.5 million independent school journeys a year. Vectare will manage all aspects of the school's service, and any enquiries can be directed to their team via the 'Contact Us' form on the booking website

All bookings for school bus routes are made via our online booking system, which can be viewed at newbeacon.vectare.co.uk

This means that you no longer need to complete any paper forms. Payment for the service is made at the time of booking and your child's name will automatically be added to the register. The website also incorporates an interactive journey planner which allows you to enter your postcode and find your closest bus stop.

The website allows you to book travel 24/7 from anywhere in the world. This means that if you need to leave early for work one morning, or you're running late and would like your child to travel on the school bus as a one-off, you can easily make a booking in line with the requirements below. Any other amendments or changes can also be made through the '**My Account**' section of the website.

For the morning journeys, all travel must be booked by 11.59 pm on the day before. This will start on Sunday 5th October, ready for travel on the morning of Monday 6th October, and will continue from there. If you therefore want your child to be on a minibus on the Monday morning, you must have booked this by the end of Sunday the day before. For journeys home from school, the booking cut-off time is noon of the same day i.e. if you want your son to board the bus home from school on Tuesday after school, this must be booked by 12 noon on that Tuesday.

If you need any further assistance, or you would like to discuss travel options from areas not currently served by our network, please contact us via the bookings website and we will be pleased to assist. I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child a pleasant and successful academic year ahead.

Yours faithfully,
Transport Team

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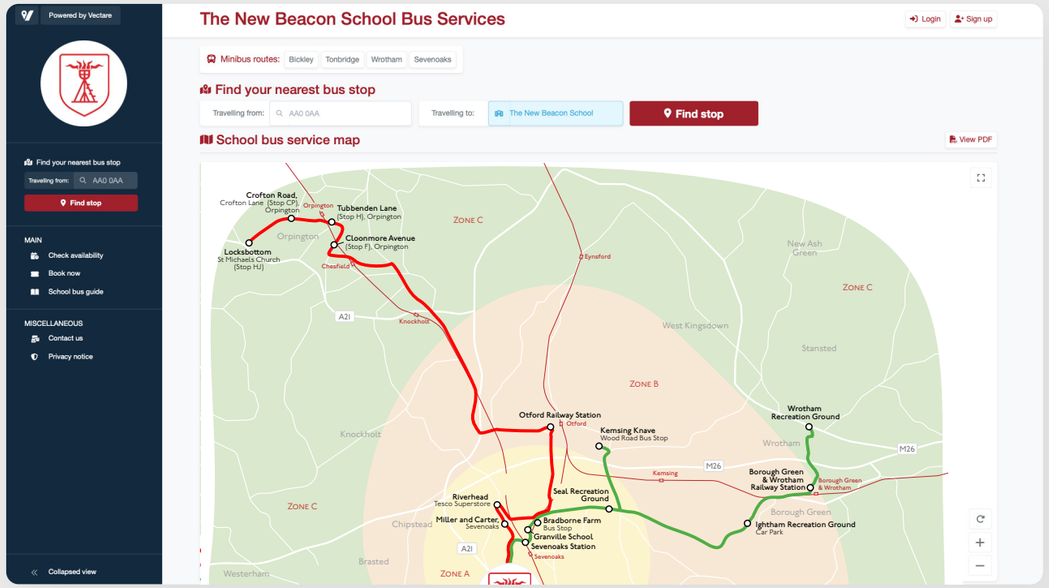
Please note:

For the latest timetables, routes and fare information, please visit the transport website: newbeacon.vectare.co.uk

HOW TO BOOK



Step 1 - Visit our website: newbeacon.vectare.co.uk

Step 2 - Log in

To get started, click the 'Log in' button in the top-right side of the website.

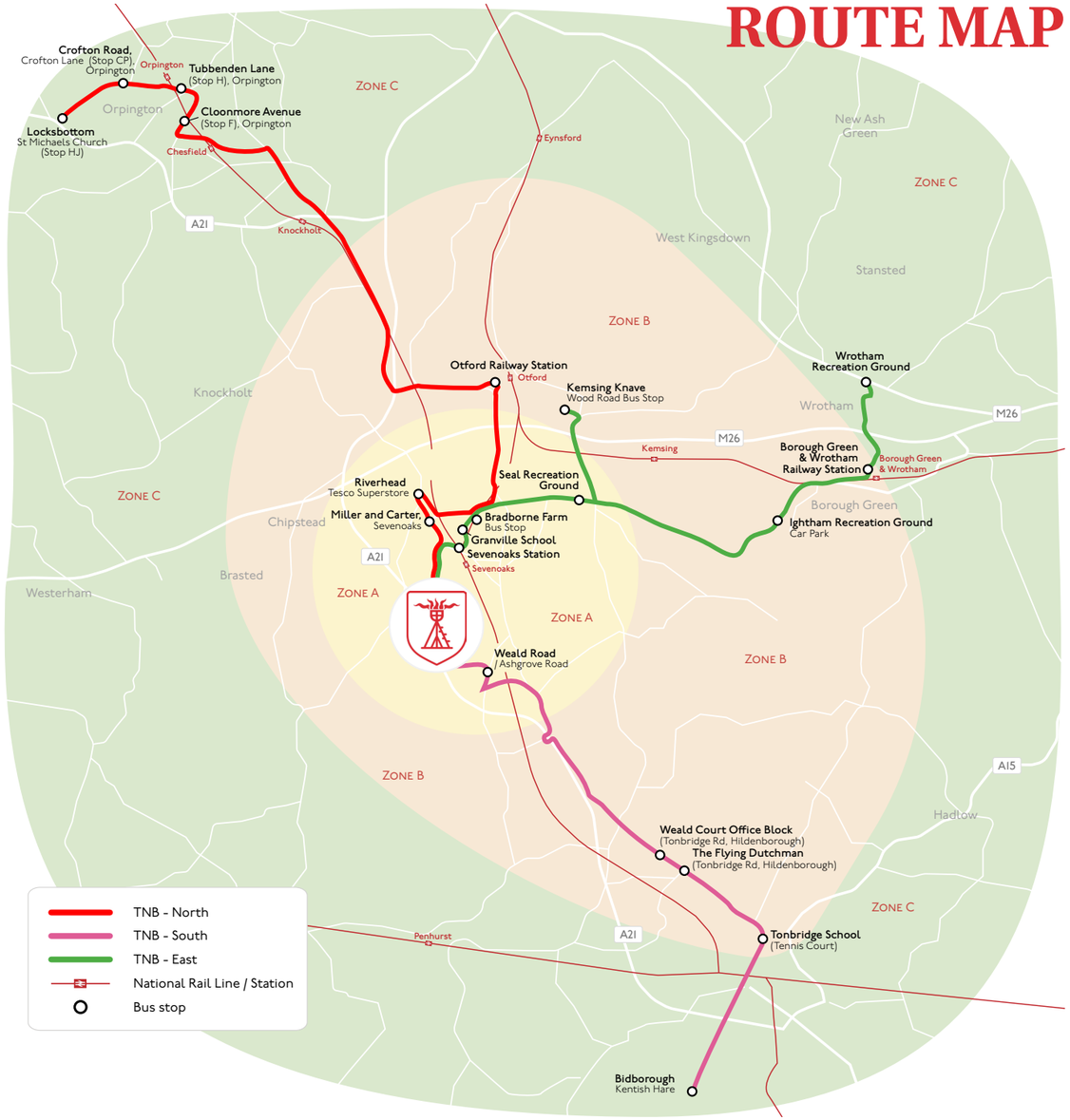
Step 3 - Make a booking

Once you have logged in, please click the 'Book Now' button on the left hand side of the website. Alternatively, if you type your postcode under the 'Find your nearest stop' banner on the top left-hand side, you will be able to see all of your closest stops and click 'Book Now' from here.

Step 4 - Booking / Payment

Simply fill out your information on our system once you have logged in. We kindly request that you ensure your child arrives promptly at the stop, as the bus will depart punctually and will not be able to wait beyond the scheduled departure time.

ROUTE MAP



TIMETABLES

AM - All travel must be booked by 23:59 on the day before travel.
PM - All travel must be booked by 12:00 PM on the day of travel.

TNB - North

View online

Zones	Stops	AM (M-F)	PM (M-F)
C	Locksbottom St Michaels Church (Stop HJ)	07:20	18:03
C	Crofton Road Crofton Lane (Stop CP), Orpington	07:26	18:00
C	Tubbenden Lane (Stop H), Orpington	07:29	17:54
C	Cloonmore Avenue (Stop F), Orpington	07:31	17:49
B	Otford Railway Station	07:48	17:36
A	Riverhead Tesco Superstore	07:59	17:23
A	Miller and Carter, Sevenoaks	08:07	17:21
-	New Beacon School	08:15	17:05

TNB - South

View online

Zones	Stops	AM (M-F)	PM (M-F)	PM (M-F)
C	Bidborough Kentish Hare	07:20	16:55	17:47
B	Tonbridge School (Tennis Court)	07:40	16:35	17:27
B	The Flying Dutchman (Tonbridge Rd, Hildenborough)	07:43	16:30	17:22
B	Weald Court Office Block (Tonbridge Rd, Hildenborough)	07:45	16:28	17:20
A	Weald Road / Ashgrove Road	08:05	16:15	17:05
-	New Beacon School	08:10	16:10	17:00

TNB - East

View online

Zones	Stops	AM (M-F)	PM (M-F)
C	Wrotham Recreation Ground	07:08	18:03
B	Borough Green & Wrotham Train Station	07:13	17:55
B	Ightham Recreation Ground Car Park	07:20	17:47
B	Kemsing Knave Wood Road Bus Stop	07:32	17:35
A	Seal Recreation Ground	07:38	17:27
A	Bradborne Farm Bus Stop	07:44	17:21
A	Granville School	07:49	17:16
A	Sevenoaks Station	07:53	17:12
-	New Beacon School	08:00	17:05

Scan the QR code
to make a booking!

Fares

	Per journey
Zone A	£2.10
Zone B	£3.68
Zone C	£5.25

Terms & Conditions

1. This agreement is made between all school minibus passengers, their parents and The New Beacon School 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, The New Beacon School provides a school minibus service.
3. Transport on the school minibus service must be arranged in advance and paid for at time of booking. To qualify for the advance pricing, a booking must be made for the whole academic term. The days of the week must also be consistent from week to week. If you wish to use the school minibus service on an ad hoc basis, or to vary the details of their minibus travel as a one-off, you should book travel via the website prior to travel. A charge is levied for individual trips depending on location.
4. Bookings on the school minibus service are non-refundable in the event of a pupil failing to travel.
5. Bookings are to be made online via newbeacon.vectare.co.uk.
6. Each pupil for whom an online form has been submitted together with payment will be added to a minibus list detailing the service they travel on, their minibus 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 parents' responsibility to inform the school via the 'Contact Us' form on the website if they no longer wish to use the school minibus service. A half term's notice (i.e. pre and post half term) must be given by a parent prior to the removal of a pupil from the school minibus service (apart from an ad-hoc journey). If an ad hoc journey is cancelled with more than 24 hours' notice the booking can be transferred to another journey. The cancellation can be made on the system but parents need to contact Vectare to apply the booking to a future date.
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 them or their parents.
9. Pupils must travel to and from school in full uniform or a full school PE kit (except on approved non-uniform days).
10. Pupils should be at the minibus stop five minutes before the scheduled time of departure to ensure they don't miss the service. In the evening, parents should be at the minibus stop five minutes before the scheduled time of arrival to collect a passenger
11. Good conduct is required at all times. Bullying, shouting, use of foul language, dropping litter, playing music, or any other misbehaviour is strictly forbidden
12. Except when embarking or disembarking, all passengers must remain seated with their seatbelts fastened correctly.
13. Whilst on a school minibus, all passengers must accept without question the authority of members or staff who may ask them to obey any reasonable instruction such as to pick up litter, desist from certain actions or to move to a different seat.
14. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent withdrawal of permission to use the school minibus service.
15. The 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. Drivers will not wait past the scheduled departure time.
16. Pupils must be in Reception or above to travel on the school minibus service.

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