

## School Transport

If you live more than three miles from school, or indeed more than walking distance or relatively safe cycling distance from school, you will no doubt be concerned about transport for your child to/from school.

At present students who live within the catchment area of The Willink but who live greater than three miles from the school can apply for transport from West Berkshire County Council or Hampshire County Council (dependent on the home address):

[www.westberks.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/schooltransport)

[www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport)

Some students living fewer than three miles from school may be eligible for transport due to other circumstances. Fare paying seats may be available on these routes for students who are not entitled to free transport. The relevant local authority will be able to advise you about whether you are eligible.

We advise parents and carers to apply for transport as soon as possible. Fare Payer Applications will be processed by 17 June 2022.

Once your application for free transport is approved by West Berkshire, the bus pass plus details of pick up place and time will be sent to your home, not the school. More precise details will be made available later this term by the transport company including 'pick-up' points, times and costs.

### **Mortimer Community Bus**

A community bus, run by TK Travel, offers a collection point opposite Co-Op in Mortimer village and is a fare paying scheme. Please email [enquiries@tktravelltd.com](mailto:enquiries@tktravelltd.com) for more details.

### **Reading Buses**

Reading buses offer services from central Reading to Mortimer and can be contacted on 0118 959 4000. Parents and carers should be alert to any timetable changes or route diversions.

### **Bicycle Storage**

We encourage students to live active lifestyles where possible. For students who wish to cycle to school, and can do so safely, we have a secure bicycle shed for students who purchase a padlock from The Willink.

The Willink promotes Level 3 Bikeability provided by West Berkshire (typically during October half-term break). This equips cyclists with the skills, knowledge and confidence to use more challenging roads and manage traffic situations.

For more information email: [activetravel@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel@westberks.gov.uk)

