

Home to School Transport

We provide free home to school (HTS) transport for East Lothian pupils who live more than two miles away from their local primary or secondary school.

The pupil's home address is defined as being that of their parent or legal guardian, not the address of a childminder or relative who may care for them on school days.

In the event of parental separation, the home address is defined as the address of the guardian receiving the Child Benefit payment.

Free school transport isn't available if you choose to send your child to a school that isn't their local primary or secondary school.

Please contact your school office for advice on how to submit an electronic application form for HTS transport. Paper applications are no longer issued.

1. Return to school 20 April 2021

New arrangements have been put in place from 20 April 2021 to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all passengers, drivers and escorts. These arrangements apply whether you travel on a contracted route, public service using a smart card, or in a taxi. Transport provision has reverted to August 2020 system. Additional buses are in operation as primary and secondary pupils can no longer share transport, even if they are from the same family group. Bus times may also have changed and for some secondary schools buses are doing double runs to account for the 1m social distancing restraint on capacity.

The measures have been brought in following extensive work with our transport providers and in line with Government guidance and risk assessments.

We ask that all families read the information and discuss it with their children and young people.

To use home to school transport you will need:

- A face covering (if a medical exemption applies you should carry an exemption card, [available here](#))
- Hand sanitiser or freshly washed hands
- A valid pass for travel.

Failing to carry out these actions could mean passengers are not allowed to use the home to school transport.

You can find out more about our [guidance for families](#) and our [protocols for transport providers](#).

2. Smartcards

We encourage high school pupils to use public transport whenever possible however due to the latest 1m social distancing need we have consulted with operator and have replace some routes with coaches. It is important each student has a valid Young Person Card with an up-to-date photograph on it. To order a new / replacement card or, to update your photograph, please contact your school office. They will arrange for your card to be issued and programmed through our Transport Services team. Requests must come to us from your school office in the first instance.

Smartcards are in use on following routes:

Dunbar Grammar School

East Linton Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
East Linton Surgery	0800	3 x Coaches Eve Coaches	
Linton Hotel	0800		

Musselburgh Grammar School

Whitecraig Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Whitecraig Crescent	0803	111 School Route	Prentice Coaches
Whitecraig Crescent	0750	Coach	AC Taxis

Wallyford Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Fa'side Inn	0755	Coach AC Taxis	
Wallyford Club	0758		
Garden Centre	0801		

Preston Lodge High School

Longniddry - S5 & S6 Pupils

Route PL2/118 Longniddry to Preston Lodge High School Will operate as a standard 118 service except Friday Lunchtime when it operate as a standard 111 service.

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Longniddry Rail Station	0755	118 Prentice Coaches	
Longniddry Inn	0756		
Dean Road	0751		

Longniddry - S1-S4 Pupils

East Coast Buses Service 128 Longniddry to Preston Lodge HS

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Johnny Cope Road	0803	128 East Coast Buses	
Seton East	0805		
Longniddry Rail Station	0811		

Port Seton - S6 Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Port Seton – Alder Road	0755	110/111 Prentice Coaches	
Port Seton – Links Road	0757		
Port Seton – Post Office	0759		

Ross High School

Elphinstone Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Elphinstone	0800	110 Prentice Coaches	

Macmerry - S1-S4 Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Macmerry	0752	104 East Coast Buses	

Macmerry - S5 & S6 Pupils

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Macmerry	0750	108 Prentice Coaches	

North Berwick High School

Gullane Pupils only

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Gullane, Goose Green	0800	124 East Coast Buses	
Dirleton Castle	0806		
PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Gullane, Goose Green	0801	125 East Coast Buses	
Dirleton Castle	0808		

Aberlady Pupils only

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Aberlady, The Pleasance	0752	126 East Coast Buses	
Aberlady, Poplar House	0754		
Luffness Mains	0756		

Balliencrief, Drem West Fenton & Dirleton

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Longniddry Station	0743	127 East Coast Buses	
Drem Station	0752		
Fenton Barns	0755		
Muirfield House	0801		
Dirleton Castle	0809		

Kilduff /Athelstaneford

PICK UP POINT	AM	Service	Contractor
Kilduff	0750	121 Eve Coaches separate coach	
Athelstaneford	0752		
Prora	0757		
Drem	0803		
Fenton Barns	0806		
East Fenton	0806		
Kingston	0811		
Highfield	0813		

3. Mainstream Transport between Home and School

Ross High routes 164 Pencaitland & Ormiston 165 will double run to allow for the 1m social distancing restraint at the end of school day, which will be controlled by school staff.

- [Eve Coaches pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- [AC Taxis pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- [Prentice Coaches pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- For Alba Taxis pick up times and locations please call 01875 815000.
- For Torrance Taxis pick up times and locations please call 01368 862612 or visit the [Torrance Taxis website](#).

4. Transport Services

East Lothian Council | John Muir House | Brewery Park | Haddington | East Lothian | EH41 3HA.

Telephone: [01875 827827](tel:01875827827)

[Send Email to transportservices@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:transportservices@eastlothian.gov.uk)