



Katherine Warrington School - Parents' FAQs

In order to make sure you gain as much information as possible this evening, we have put together a Frequently Asked Questions sheet.

If you do have any questions that are not addressed either in the presentation or this document, please feel free to direct questions to the staff members listed below after the presentation.

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For further information about Period 7, our Extra-Curricular offer, Anti-Bullying, Curriculum, Home Learning, Catering, Policies, Library, The School Day or Uniform, please refer to our website.

FAQs - Transition

Will students be set homework in the first half term?

No. Students will be undergoing not only a transition from primary to secondary but will also be undergoing the transition from our temporary accommodation to the main site. It is standard practice not to set homework in the first half term and we have decided this will be appropriate for our students too.

What will students be learning as part of the Induction Programme at the University of Hertfordshire?

Students undergo a transition programme in the first 12 days we spend at the University. Students will complete project work that helps them to work together and to bond as a community. They will also have opportunities to work on their presentation skills, skills in PE and their literacy. Across the 12 days students will complete a programme of study that helps them to 'graduate' from our transition school and we hope to invite parents to a ceremony at the end of the second week to celebrate student achievement.

How will students be tested in the transitional phase and what will this mean for my child?

Students will undertake a process of Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS) which help to guide us in understanding what support each individual child needs. We will also test students' reading, writing and spelling which also helps to inform how we support them in the classroom. This will not mean very much for the students themselves as we will not make it a priority to share this data with students and it does not lead to a process of setting.

Must I provide my child with a Google Chromebook? If so, must I purchase one through the school system?

We have identified Google Chromebooks as the best device for Yr 7-11 to use in school and at home. They are virus free, have a long battery life and cost less than laptops. We are recommending purchase but are not dictating it. Lessons will be built around resources available in Google Classroom, accessed easily with a Google Chromebook. If students have an existing computer that they can bring to school then that will also help to facilitate their learning. If you are making a new purchase, please consider a Chromebook. The purchase system recommended by the school includes software, warranties and damage provision. It allows for payments to be spread over three years if you choose. If you decide not to use this system, that is fine but please consider how you will provide for a replacement if the Chromebook needs to be sent away by you for repair. Students bringing their own Chromebook not purchased through the school scheme will need to pay £20 to enrol the device into the school's Google tenancy.

Approximately, how much will transitioning to secondary school cost?

Our uniform will cost approx £210 including spare trousers, skirts and shirts. Chromebooks cost approx £300 and payment can be spread across several years. Our trip to Camp Wilderness at Knebworth for three days will cost approx £200. Transport can vary considerably. HCC has identified some bus routes as free to all users and others free to those entitled to support. If a bus or train is your chosen or only available form of transport, the price for a termly ticket is between £200-£300. HCC is awaiting tender returns and prices for several bus routes for the next academic year.

We fully appreciate the financial burden placed on parents and have considered this in every decision we have made. There are payment scheduling options and anyone unable to finance this should contact the school and we will assist in seeking financial support.

What is happening with transport to/from the University of Hertfordshire?

HCC and KWS have worked together with the DfE to identify four bus routes that cover much of the catchment area of students who join us in September. These will be explained in the presentation this evening. Buses will collect en route, some will go via SJL, others direct to the University. Students who live close to the University can go directly to the Law Court building. Buses collect at various times to reach the University by 8.50am so the school day starts at 9am. School finishes at 3.30pm and transport will leave the University then and retrace the morning routes to return students. All buses are free to students whilst we are at the University.

Some students will not be served by a bus that is routed close to their homes. They can either identify the nearest routed point to their home and meet the bus or make their way directly to the University.

What happens if my child misses the bus to the University?

The Induction period at the University of Hertfordshire requires the same attendance as any school. Buses have been provided free of charge. If your child misses the bus then it is your responsibility to get your child to the University of Hertfordshire Law Court building by 9am.

For the first three weeks, can the bus pick students up en route instead of being picked up from Sir John Lawes School?

Yes. Please see the bus routes handout provided this evening.

At the University, will students have access to outdoor space?

Yes, there is recreational space next to the Law Court plus we have use of the University playing fields for PE.

At the University, will there be food available or will they need to take a packed lunch?

Students need to bring a packed lunch and we will provide a packed lunch for anyone entitled to Free School Meals. Please inform us of this so that we can ensure adequate provision..

Does my child have to go to Camp Wilderness?

This is a compulsory trip designed to help students extend their friendship groups, get to know staff in an informal setting and enjoy activities they may not have experienced before. In extreme circumstances, parents may decide that this is not suitable for their child. We would urge you to consider this carefully as it would be a shame to miss this opportunity. We will provide academic work for your child to complete at home if there are reasons for your child not to attend. We will work with you to find solutions if you are concerned about financing the trip. Camp Wilderness is an inclusive space capable of providing full student assistance including medical, dietary and pastoral provision.

Can children take their phones with them in the first three weeks?

Students are able to take their phones, however they will play no part in the school day. They should be turned off and must not be visible during the school day or when travelling to and from the University. Students may be able to use them to contact parents to communicate about transport. Please be aware there will be a contact number parents can use to make contact regarding absence and emergencies.

FAQs General**Will there be a homework club?**

Homework club will start after October half term at lunchtimes and Thursdays during Period 7 will become a time for independent study.

How long can my child stay at school in the evenings?

School ends at 4pm but the school building will be open until 5.30pm. Students can remain until then provided there is an adult available to supervise.

Will my child need to bring money to school to buy food?

Our catering will be 'cashless' and point of purchase will be biometric fingerprint spending. Money can be loaded to your account by accessing our payment system. Further details will be sent to parents in September regarding account access.

How will my child be grouped across the school day?

Students will be placed into form groups. These form groups will not be based on ability but will be dictated more by combinations of students based on existing friendships and primary schools. Students will also be placed into mixed ability teaching groups where they will be taught for all subjects excluding Period 7. These groups will be decided during our time at the University. Period 7 groups will be dictated by students' options and these will begin in the second half of the autumn term.

Will the Phase 1 accommodation (Sports Hall) be ready in time?

Students are scheduled to be in the Phase 1 building on Monday 30th September. Kier, the construction company responsible for the build assure us that they are on schedule.

Is Kier in financial trouble?

We have no more information about this other than that which is already in the public domain. Kier have announced a profit warning and have written down their projected profits (£25 million) for this financial year. They have also announced a restructuring programme to close peripheral businesses and focus on their core building business losing 1,200 jobs. Their share price has fallen by around 20% over the last few months.

The contract to build Katherine Warrington is held between the Department of Education (DfE) and Kier. All financial due diligence would have been completed by the DfE before entering the agreement. It is our understanding that subsequent, further agreements between government departments and Kier have been entered into nationally.

How can parents engage with the school in the first year?

There will be a Parents' Association and Parents' Forums after the transitional phase. We will send out an invite to anyone interested in being part of the Parents' Association so that an initial meeting can be arranged. We will also consider how we can enable parents to voice their opinions and concerns as part of a Parents' Forum as we are interested in gaining feedback from parents, especially as we grow. There is also the opportunity for parents to engage with Katherine Warrington on a more formal basis as parents governors. We will hold an election process in October.

What sports facilities will be ready in the first year and will students need to go to other schools to take part in certain aspects of PE?

There are four Multi Use Games Areas (each one the size of a tennis court) in the Phase 1 build. Netball, Basketball, Rounders, Tag Rugby, Football Skills, will be taught in these areas alongside other fitness activities. Competitive sports that require grass will be accessed as part of away fixtures at other schools. We have a school minibus for transport. By summer 2020, our grass on the grass pitches should have grown so we can do Cricket and Field Athletics.

Is staff recruitment going well?

Exceedingly well. We have recruited experienced teaching and support staff. Our interviews for a caretaker and second Learning Support Assistant will be taking place imminently.

When will parents be given the opportunity to look around the Phase 1 building?

We plan to invite you to come and look around on the evening of Monday 30th September (details to be communicated nearer the time).

Will there be a canteen at the school in the first year?

Yes there will and we are currently out to tender to appoint a food provider.

Will there be a 'quiet space' for the students to access at lunchtimes or during lessons?

We will make sure there are spaces available to students who need time for quiet. We are yet to decide how this will operate and we will need to settle into the site first before we can make clear decisions about how this will work.

Will the students have access to a secure outside space for playtimes and lunchtimes?

Yes there are four multi use games areas (MUGA's) for our exclusive use. Each one is the size of a tennis court.

FAQs Uniform

What part of the uniform is compulsory?

With the exception of rain jacket or hoodie and tracksuit bottoms, everything else is compulsory as per the official uniform list on the school's website. Not everything listed on Beats' uniform list is compulsory.

Do they need to have the backpack and the summer shirt?

The backpack is optional. The summer shirt is compulsory –short sleeved with the school logo. Summer shirts are worn in the summer term so leave purchasing these until later in the school year.

Can they have plain grey trousers instead of those with the logo?

Embroidered with logo for both boys and girls from our supplier to ensure consistency in colour and style.

Which items of PE kit will they need for the first term?

All compulsory items should be purchased in readiness for September.

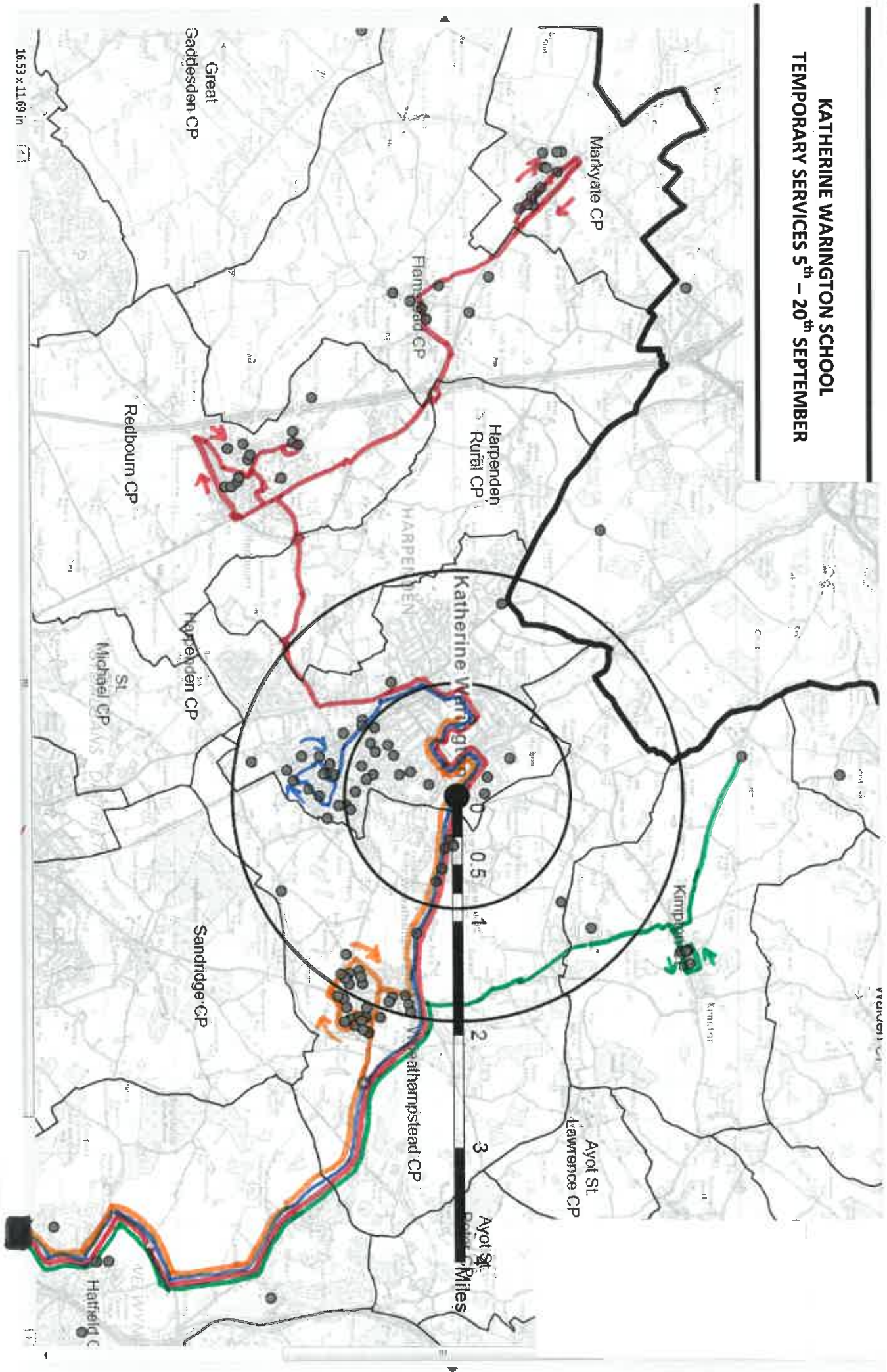
Is there a specific colour of school bag required?

No specific colour but try to avoid large branded logos.

Policies on haircuts and earrings are covered in our Behaviour Policy on the website.



KATHERINE WARINGTON SCHOOL TEMPORARY SERVICES 5th - 20th SEPTEMBER



Markyate - Hatfield via Harpenden

Red

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY			
	ROUTE VARIANT: 1		2
Markyate, London Rd, opp Plume of Feathers	0720	Hatfield, University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus	1530
Markyate, High Street, Cavendish Rd	0723	Harpenden, opp Sir John Lawes School	[arrive] 1552
Flamstead, High St, opp Three Blackbirds PH	0731	Harpenden, opp Sir John Lawes School	[depart] 1555
Redbourn, High Street (SE)	0742	Harpenden, Sun Lane, St Georges School	1558
Redbourn, Lybury Lane, Ridgedown	0751	Redbourn, High Street (SE)	1611
Redbourn, High Street (NW)	0756	Redbourn, Lybury Lane, Ridgedown	1617
Harpenden, Sun Ln, opp St Georges School	0808	Redbourn, High Street (NW)	1621
Harpenden, Sir John Lawes School	[arrive] 0812	Flamstead, High St, The Three Blackbirds PH	1631
Harpenden, Sir John Lawes School	[depart] 0815	Markyate, London Rd, opp Plume of Feathers	1636
Hatfield, University of Hertfordshie de Havilland Campus	0840	Markyate, High Street, Cavendish Rd	1639

ROUTE Red:

Markyate - Hatfield via Harpenden

Variant 1

London Road, High Street, A5, Hollybush Lane, Chapel Road, High Street, Singlets Lane
 Chequers Hill, A5, Dunstable Road, High Street, A5183, B487, Hemel Hempstead Road, The Common
 Lybury Lane, Ridgedown, Lybury Lane, North Common, The Common, Fish Street, High Street
 Harpenden Lane, A5183, Redbourn Lane, St Albans Road, High Street, Sun Lane, Ox Lane
 Sauncey Avenue, Manland Avenue, Station Road, Lower Luton Road, B651, Codicote Road
 Cory-wright Way, Marford Road, Green Lanes, Coopers Green Lane, Hatfield Avenue, Gypsy Moth Avenue
 Mosquito Way, Albatross Way, UoH de Havilland Campus.

Hatfield - Markyate via Harpenden

Variant 2

UoH de Havilland Campus, Albatross Way, Mosquito Way, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Oypsy Moth Avenue
 Hatfield Avenue, Coopers Green Lane, Green Lanes, Marford Road, Cory-wright Way, Codicote Road
 B651, Lower Luton Road, Station Road, Manland Avenue, Sauncey Avenue, Ox Lane, Sun Lane
 High Street, St Albans Road, Redbourn Lane, A5183, Harpenden Lane, High Street, A5183, B487
 Hemel Hempstead Road, The Common, Lybury Lane, Ridgedown, Lybury Lane, North Common, The Common
 Fish Street, High Street, Dunstable Road, A5, Chequers Hill, Singlets Lane, High Street
 Chapel Road, Hollybush Lane, A5, Old Watling Street, London Road, High Street.

Schools:

Katherine Warington School

VEHICLE SPECIFICATION:

Minimum Specified Capacity: 53 seats with seatbelts
 Accessibility: Appropriate to age / type/ weight of vehicles to be operated
 Age Limits: 15 years

CONTRACT TYPE: Education Coach

START: 05/09/2019

LIKELY FINISH: 20/09/2019

NOTES:

**Serves all bus stops on request between Markyate and Hatching Green including unmarked stops in Hollybush Lane, Flamstead, then as shown on timetable.
 Service is for Katherine Warington staff and children. Passengers will not be ticketed**

Calculated service mileage:

Schooldays M-F 42.94

Southdown & Harpenden - Hatfield

Blue

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY			
ROUTE VARIANT:		1	2
Harpenden, Grove Rd, Paddock Wood		0752	Hatfield, University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus 1532
Harpenden, Cross Lane Est, Broadstone Rd		0756	Harpenden, opp Sir John Lawes School [arrive] 1554
Harpenden, Southdown Rd, opp Plough & Harrow		0759	Harpenden, opp Sir John Lawes School [depart] 1557
Harpenden, High St, The George, Stop C		0805	Harpenden, High St, The George, Stop D 1602
Harpenden, Sir John Lawes School	[arrive]	0810	Harpenden, Southdown Rd, Plough & Harrow PH 1605
Harpenden, Sir John Lawes School	[depart]	0813	Harpenden, Cross Lane Est, Broadstone Rd 1608
Hatfield, University of Hertfordshire, de Havilland Campus		0838	Harpenden, Broadstone Dr, opp Barons Row 1609

ROUTE Blue:

Southdown & Harpenden - Hatfield

Variant 1

Grove Road, Welbeck Rise, Cranbourne Drive, Broadstone Road, Grove Road, Southdown Road, Bull Road
 St Albans Road, High Street, Sun Lane, Ox Lane, Sauncey Avenue, Manland Avenue, Station Road
 Lower Luton Road, B651, Codicote Road, Cory-wright Way, Marford Road, Green Lanes
 Coopers Green Lane, Hatfield Avenue, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Mosquito Way, Albatross Way
 UoH de Havilland Campus.

Hatfield - Southdown & Harpenden

Variant 2

UoH de Havilland Campus, Albatross Way, Mosquito Way, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Gypsy Moth Avenue
 Hatfield Avenue, Coopers Green Lane, Green Lanes, Marford Road, Cory-wright Way, Codicote Road
 B651, Lower Luton Road, Station Road, Manland Avenue, Sauncey Avenue, Ox Lane, Sun Lane
 High Street, St Albans Road, Bull Road, Southdown Road, Grove Road, Welbeck Rise, Cranbourne Drive
 Broadstone Road.

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CONTRACT TYPE: Education Coach

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LIKELY FINISH: 20/09/2019

NOTES:

Serves all bus marked stops plus unmarked stop Cranbourne Drive/Burnsall Place between Grove Road and Harpenden, George then as timetabled.
Service is for Katherine Warington School children and staff. Passenger will not be ticketed

Calculated service mileage:

Schooldays M-F 25.17

Harpenden & Wheathampstead - Hatfield

Orange

MONDAY-FRIDAY			
ROUTE VARIANT:	1		2
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Harpenden, Sir John Lawes School	0800	Hatfield, Albatross Way, Cunningham Ave	1534
Batford, Lower Luton Road, The Malta PH	0804	Wheathampstead, Hill Dyke Rd, Vale Court	1549
Marshalls Heath, opp Cherry Trees Rest	0808	Wheathampstead, Butterfield Rd, School	1553
Wheathampstead, opp St Helen's Church	0814	Wheathampstead, Brewhouse Hill, Church	1555
Wheathampstead, Hill Dyke Rd, Vale Court	0818	Wheathampstead, o/s St Helen's Church	1556
Wheathampstead, Butterfield Rd, School	0820	Marshalls Heath, Cherry Trees Restaurant	1601
Wheathampstead, Brewhouse Hill, Church	0822	Batford, Lower Luton Rd, opp The Malta PH	1605
Hatfield, Albatross Way, Cunningham Ave	0839	Harpenden, opp Sir John Lawes School	1609

ROUTE Orange:

Harpenden & Wheathampstead - Hatfield

Variant 1

Sauncey Avenue, Manland Avenue, Station Road, Lower Luton Road, B651, Station Road, High Street Marford Road, Conquerors Hill, Caesars Road, Nurseries Road, Hill Dyke Road, The Hill Butterfield Road, Brewhouse Hill, Church Street, High Street, Marford Road, Green Lanes Coopers Green Lane, Hatfield Avenue, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Mosquito Way, Albatross Way UoH de Havilland Campus.

Hatfield - Wheathampstead & Harpenden

Variant 2

UoH de Havilland Campus, Albatross Way, Mosquito Way, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Oypsy Moth Avenue Hatfield Avenue, Coopers Green Lane, Green Lanes, Marford Road, Conquerors Hill, Caesars Road Nurseries Road, Nurseries Road, Hill Dyke Road, The Hill, Butterfield Road, Brewhouse Hill Church Street, High Street, Station Road, B651, Lower Luton Road, Station Road, Manland Avenue Sauncey Avenue.

Schools:

Katherine Warrington School

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53 seats with seatbelts

Accessibility:

Appropriate to age / type/ weight of vehicles to be operated

Age Limits:

15 years

CONTRACT TYPE:

Education Coach

START:

05/09/2019

LIKELY FINISH:

20/09/2019

NOTES:

Serves Sir John Lawes School then all stops Batford Mill to Wheathampstead including unmarked stops at Butterfield Road, School; Brewhouse Hill, Church; Marford Road/Sheepcote Lane then UoF de Havliand Campus Service is for children and staff attending Katherine Warrington School. Passengers will not be ticketed

Calculated service mileage:

Schooldays

M-F

21.59

Peters Green - Hatfield via Kimpton

Green

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY			
ROUTE VARIANT:	1		2
Peter's Green, opp The Green	0805	Hatfield, University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus	1534
Kimpton, High Street, The Boot PH	0811	Blackmore End, Kimpton Rd, The Broadway	1550
Kimpton, Park Lane (N)	0812	Blackmore End, Kimpton Rd, Beech Way	1551
Kimpton, Hampden (S)	0813	Kimpton, High Street, The Boot PH	1555
Blackmore End, Kimpton Rd, opp Beech Way	0817	Kimpton, Park Lane (N)	1556
Blackmore End, Kimpton Rd, opp The Broadway	0818	Kimpton, Hampden (S)	1557
Hatfield, University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus	0838	Peter's Green, The Green	1603

ROUTE Green:

Peters Green - Hatfield via Kimpton

Variant 1

The Green, Kimpton Road, Luton Road, High Street, Park Lane, Dacre Crescent, Hampden, Claggy Road High Street, Cooper's Hill, Kimpton Road, Lamer Lane, B651, Codicote Road, Cory-wright Way Marford Road, Green Lanes, Coopers Green Lane, Hatfield Avenue, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Mosquito Way Albatross Way, UoH de Havilland Campus.

Hatfield - Peters Green via Kimpton

Variant 2

UoH de Havilland Campus, Albatross Way, Mosquito Way, Gypsy Moth Avenue, Oypsy Moth Avenue Hatfield Avenue, Coopers Green Lane, Green Lanes, Marford Road, Cory-wright Way, Codicote Road B651, Lamer Lane, Kimpton Road, Cooper's Hill, Kimpton Bottom, High Street, Park Lane Dacre Crescent, Hampden, Claggy Road, High Street, Luton Road, Kimpton Road, The Green.

Schools:

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VEHICLE SPECIFICATION:

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 Age Limits: 15 years

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Education Coach

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05/09/2019

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20/09/2019

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Schooldays M-F 23.37