



Backwell School

An Ofsted Outstanding School
A National Teaching School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Out of Catchment School Coach Service 2017-18

You may be aware that the School runs a coach service for students who fall outside of the North Somerset home-to-school transport area.

There are currently three coaches and a minibus serving South Bristol and Long Ashton; Nailsea and Flax Bourton; and Failand and Winford. All services bring students to school for 8.45 am and leave at the end of the school day at 3.40 pm. Each coach carries up to 70 students. However the service has to be self-funding and if sufficient applications are not received then individual services may be withdrawn. A final decision regarding services to be run in 2017-18 will be made by 30 June 2017, once all applications have been received. Precise details of services including pick up and drop off points will be issued in July.

Prices for the 2017/18 academic year are detailed below.

	Cost per term (6 x terms)	Annual Cost
Bristol	£110	£660
Long Ashton	£85	£510
Failand	£83	£510
Nailsea	£80	£480
Flax Bourton and Winford (Mini Bus only)	£65	£390

Applying for a place

If you would like to apply for a place next year, please follow the instructions below:

(a) Parents of students joining in September 2017

Please complete and return the attached application form, together with a cheque made payable to 'Backwell School' covering the first term's payment, to Mrs Capel-Davies, the Head's PA, by Friday 2 June 2017, along with all other admissions paperwork. Once your application has been accepted we will arrange for a payment account to be opened up so that all subsequent payments can be made via [ParentPay](#), the school's online cashless payment system.

(b) Parents of current students wishing to use the coach service

Coach places are allocated on an annual basis, so if you would like your child to continue to use the service you must complete and return the attached application form. This can be done either by emailing middleton@backwellschool.net or by returning it to the Finance Office by Friday 2 June 2017.

Once your application has been accepted we will arrange for a payment account to be set up on ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), so that you can make your first payment by Friday 21 July 2017. If you have any problems accessing ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941.

Once payment has been made, a bus pass will be issued to your child. Please note that if a student signs up to use the coach service and later decides they no longer wish to continue, **one term's written notice** must be received in the Finance Office.

Payments must be made by the following dates to ensure continued use of the coach service.

Payment Schedule 2017-18			
Term 1	New students – by cheque by Friday 2 June 2017 Current students – via ParentPay by Friday 21 July 2017	Term 4	Friday 9 February 2018
Term 2	Friday 20 October 2017	Term 5	Friday 23 March 2018
Term 3	Friday 15 December 2017	Term 6	Friday 25 May 2018

FAILURE TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH PAYMENTS WILL RESULT IN TRANSPORT FOR YOUR CHILD BEING WITHDRAWN.

The deadline date for all applications is Friday 2 June 2017. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with a waiting list if necessary.

Yours sincerely



Mark Middleton
Operations Manager

Enc: Application Form

OUT OF CATCHMENT COACH SERVICE APPLICATION FORM (2017-18)

Please complete and return this form, along with a cheque, by Friday 2 June 2017

Name of student (Child 1)	Tutor Group	Tick as appropriate
		<input type="checkbox"/> We would like to apply for a place on the coach service starting from: <p style="text-align: center;">.....(date)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> We wish to continue using the coach service next year

Name of student (Child 2)	Tutor Group	Tick as appropriate
		<input type="checkbox"/> We would like to apply for a place on the coach service starting from : <p style="text-align: center;">..... (date)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> We wish to continue using the coach service next year

Name of student (Child 3)	Tutor Group	Tick as appropriate
		<input type="checkbox"/> We would like to apply for a place on the coach service starting from: <p style="text-align: center;">..... (date)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> We wish to continue using the coach service next year

Address:

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Tel: email:

(for acknowledgement of applications and payment details).

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Print Name: