



Rossett School

Success for everyone

School Transport Policy 2025-27

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1. Introduction

Seventeen buses come in and out of Rossett School daily. For many students, the journey to school on a bus is an integral part of the school day.

Transport arrangements will fall into one of three categories.

- Students living in North Yorkshire who live more than three miles from the school (measured by the shortest safe walking route) **(The regions)**.
- Students living in North Yorkshire who live less than three miles from the school (measured by the shortest safe walking route) **(Harrogate)**.
- Students living in Leeds who pay to use a bus service organised by the bus company "Tetley's of Leeds" on behalf of Rossett School's parents. **(Leeds)**.

The below includes information for students in each category. Please ignore information which does not apply to your child.

2. Students living in North Yorkshire who live more than 3 miles from school (measured by the shortest safe walking route) (THE REGIONS)

The Local Authority is required by law to provide free transport to a student's local school. Rossett can be considered the local school for anyone living in the Harrogate Town or Rural areas. The North Yorkshire website contains all the relevant information at [School and college transport | North Yorkshire Council](#).

On this website there are frequently asked questions, the Local Authority's policy document, all the timetables of routes serving Rossett and downloadable forms and leaflets, along with lots more useful information. If you live more than three miles away, you will automatically be sent the appropriate bus pass as the beginning of the school year approaches.

3. Students living in North Yorkshire who live less than 3 miles from school (measured by the shortest safe walking route) (HARROGATE)

Pupils who are not entitled to free home to school transport can apply for a paid travel permit for the use of North Yorkshire Council services providing there are spare seats available to allocate. The link for the application can be found below:

[Paid bus passes | North Yorkshire Council](#)

The paid travel permit application process for each new academic year generally goes live just after Easter and will stay live until the following Easter. So, for the 2025/2026 academic year the paid travel permit application page will go live after Easter 2025. It will clearly state on the application page which academic year it refers to.

The bus timetables can be found on the following links: [timetables & maps](#)

The relevant buses are the S1, S2, S3 and S8.

4. Students living in Leeds

Whilst parents of students living in Leeds may transport their child/children to school by whatever means they choose many students travelling from Leeds use the Tetley's of Leeds Bus service. Details of the services are below, and maps are available on the Tetley's website <https://www.tetleyscoaches.co.uk/school-services/>.

The cost of a bus pass is currently £935.00. This service is currently full however enquiries can be made by using the following link -

<https://passenger.shuttleid.uk/waiting-list/3108be57-5c93-4d16-84ff-0990d87eba95>

Please note that having gained a place on the bus successfully the previous year, this does not automatically roll over into the next school year. Places are only guaranteed by following the above method.

5. Bus Behaviour

Rossett School expects that its students can travel in reasonable safety and comfort, arriving at school without undue stress and able to benefit from the education provided.

Working closely with Harrogate and Leeds bus companies, we expect the following behaviour from our parents and students:

Parents/carers are requested to:

- Ensure payments are made as requested to ensure the continuance of the service.
- Commit to paying for the bus service for the full year unless there are exceptional circumstances such as a house-move or the student leaving the school. (A student passing their driving test will not be deemed to be an exceptional circumstance)
- Pay for any damage to the fabric of the vehicles caused by students.
- Ensure their child knows what to do if they miss the bus or if there is a delay.

Students are expected to:

- Respect each other and the driver of the bus.
- Remain seated throughout the journey.
- Wear seatbelts where available.
- Carry their passes and/or school provided ID at all times and ensure they are kept in good condition.
- Do as the driver asks as the driver is responsible for the safety of the passengers.
- Keep the bus clean, removing any rubbish.
- Treat the bus itself with care, being careful not to cause any damage.
- Behave in accordance with the school rules ensuring they are calm and sensible.
- Be at their stop on time in the morning and ready to depart from school promptly at the end of the school day (the bus will not wait for students who are late).
- Show their pass for services which require a pass.
- Misbehaviour will not be tolerated, and students will be unable to use the service.

The school reserves the right to:

- Amend routes and timings to better match overall student demand.
- Apply sanctions to students who do not follow the guidelines above which may include suspending their right to use the service for a period.

If a bus is running significantly late, the school will make attempts to contact students to inform them of the situation.

Students and their parents are primarily responsible for dealing with anti-social behaviour on transport to school. Deliberate damage to a bus will lead to parents having to pay the bill and the bus company is likely to ban those involved from using any of their buses for a limited period. Bus companies are applying a zero-tolerance attitude to poor behaviour, and this may lead to a permanent ban with no right to appeal.

Any issues should be raised by contacting office@rs.rklt.co.uk

The Leeds Late Bus runs on a Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 4.30pm