

Bus Service to Bradfield School – update

Dear parent/guardian:

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) were presented with a huge task over the summer due to Mass Engineering announcing that they were ceasing to trade. This resulted in them having to plan how they could provide transport for the 37 schools and 12,000+ students who were affected by the announcement. As a school, although we felt there may be initial teething problems, we were confident that the end result would be a safer, more comfortable and improved service for our students. Unfortunately until our new intakes of Y7 and Y12 students arrived at school in September it was impossible for the Local Authority to provide accurate figures to the SYPTE about the number of students travelling from each region of our catchment area; this issue being further complicated by our increased intake of both Y7 and Y12 students which has resulted in an increase of over 100 students. We have monitored the service since the first full school day (6th September) and have been in regular discussions with the SYPTE and First South Yorkshire who provide the majority of the replacement service; in those discussions we have shared the numerous emails and phone messages/conversations from/with yourselves re concerns – these have been quite extensive and impossible to respond to individually so we have tried to issue regular updates re progress/discussions.

First South Yorkshire are a public service with only a set number of drivers and buses, because of this it has not been possible for them to make immediate changes as any timetable changes need to be approved by the council and where a service is being changed sufficient notice has to be given to the members of public who rely upon the service – they cannot just stop a service overnight. On saying that, First South Yorkshire have made every effort to put in place interim measures to support Bradfield School students by providing an extra Stannington bus on an evening and by changing the evening 765 double decker to the largest they have in their fleet; for which we are really thankful.

Despite the above we are well aware that there have been issues in relation to:

- Not enough capacity for students travelling from Stannington on a morning and that these have been worsened by the existing two buses travelling at different times with too many students requiring the later of the two (although even without this there was not enough capacity across the two buses).
- On a morning we have two 765's which have been able to cope with the additional numbers of students from Grenoside, Middlewood and Oughtibridge. In the case of this service most students appeared to be choosing to catch the earlier of the two which created an over-crowding issue whereas on one occasion the later bus only had 17 passengers.
- On an evening we only have one 765 and this has not been able to cope with the number of students requiring this service. As a school we have not eased this as we had a similar problem with the 766 to Wharncliffe Side and had to ensure that the Wharncliffe Side students could all get home and so had to agree with the transport provider that the first stop would be at the bottom of Church Street. This eased the situation but has not proved fully satisfactory as some Oughtibridge students have preferred to catch-it and walk back up Church Street rather than wait for the 765 and in other cases to avoid the over-crowding they were experiencing on the 765. But it did leave extra students requiring the 765 service.
- The arrival times of the First South Yorkshire evening services have been very variable and this has also created problems. Although a significant number of students have chosen to wait for the second of the 52a's to have a less crowded journey. The late arrivals have been exasperated due to the large volume of traffic travelling down Kirk Edge Road at the end of the school day. Hopefully, as parents gain more confidence in the reliability of the bus service, then they will not feel that they are forced to collect their son/daughter from school and this should ease traffic flow and help to ensure the school buses can arrive by their scheduled time.

In our discussions with First South Yorkshire we have looked at **all** the above and from **Monday 25th September 2017** an amended service will operate which should hopefully address all of the above.

So what has changed?

- There will now be three Stannington buses (two 763's from/for Acorn Drive and one 764 from/for Nethergate) on both a morning and an evening. The three morning buses will all departure within 7 minutes of each other – the 764 departing at 07.26hr, the 763's departing at 07.28hr and 07.33hr. This will give much greater capacity and should solve the issue of too many students waiting for the later bus as they will all be effectively operating together.
- There will be an extra 765 on an evening with the first departing at 15.10hrs and the second at 15.23hrs.
- The 766 will continue to make its first stop at the bottom of Church Street but with more Oughtibridge students able to use the two 765's we are hoping that it will not be as overcrowded as it will be departing Bradfield School at the same time as the first 765.
- To provide the extra 763 and 765 on an evening we have had to sacrifice the later 52a (15.25hrs) which will no longer operate. However, with the Stannington Service having increased its capacity by 100+ we are requesting that students requiring stops on Loxley Road e.g. outside The Admiral Rodney or near Malin Bridge that they use one of the two 763's. To aid this it is likely that the evening 52a will make its first stop outside Loxley Primary School (on Rodney Hill).
- First South Yorkshire have met with their drivers Trade Unions and negotiated changes to their hours to try and ensure that, with the exception of the later 765, all their services are at Bradfield by 15.05hrs.

The changes above have occurred due to the desire of First South Yorkshire and The SYPTE to provide a transport service that meets the needs of Bradfield School's parents and students. We thank them for working with us and would like to assure you that First South Yorkshire and Bradfield School will continue to monitor the service and if we notice failing we will enter into negotiations to address them.

The new bus timetables can be accessed via the school website or via the SYPTE website:

www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/brightbus

If you require information re tickets for young people and the savings that can be made on the First South Yorkshire service then please use the link below:

www.firstgroup.com/south-yorkshire/tickets/ticket-types/young-people

We thank you for your patience over the school transport system and are confident of a brighter future.

Yours Sincerely;

K.G. Holmes
(Assistant Headteacher)

Please note: Following problems today I would like to remind students using the morning 52a that although there are two buses the earlier one (arrival time of 07.57hrs) is a double decker but the later one (arrival time of 08.24hrs) is only a single decker. Today the first bus only had approximately 20 passengers whereas the single decker was full to capacity and so had to leave some passengers behind. Students should try to aim to catch the earlier service. We will obviously try to see if in the future these can be swapped over but this service commences in Woodhouse and it will be dependent upon the requirements of the other members of the public.

Bus Services to Bradfield School 25th Sept 2017

What's changed?

- Extra departure from Stannington to Bradfield School both AM and PM
- Departures from Stannington will be 0726 764 from Nethergate, 0728 and 0733 763 from Acorn Drive
- Extra departure on service 765 at 1523 from Bradfield School to Hillsborough
- 1523 52a will no longer operate

Buses to Bradfield School

52a AM departures from Woodhouse at 0634 and 0657 extend from Wisewood to Bradfield School arriving at 0757 and 0824. From Wisewood via Wisewood Avenue, Wisewood Road, Loxley Road, Long Lane, Kirk Edge Road to Bradfield School.

52a PM Departures start from Bradfield School at 1513 runs via Kirk Edge Road, Long Lane, Loxley Road, Wisewood Road, Hollowmoor Road and normal route to Woodhouse.

763 Stannington – Bradfield School

AM: Stannington, Acorn Drive/Stannington Road via Acorn Drive, Greaves Lane, Stannington Road, Oldfield Terrace, Oldfield Road, Stannington Road, Loxley Road, Long Lane, Kirk Edge Road to Bradfield School

PM: Bradfield School via Kirk Edge Road, Long Lane, Loxley Road, Loxley New Road, Holme Way, Holme Lane, Stannington Road, Oldfield Road, Oldfield Terrace, Stannington Road, Acorn Drive, Greaves Lane to Stannington, Greaves Lane/Greaves Close

764 Stannington – Bradfield School

AM: Stannington, Nethergate/Oldfield Road via Oldfield Road, School Lane, Church Street, Upper Gate Road, Stannington Road, Oldfield Terrace, Oldfield Road, Stannington Road, Loxley Road, Long Lane, Kirk Edge Road to Bradfield School

PM: Bradfield School via Kirk Edge Road, Long Lane, Loxley Road, Loxley New Road, Holme Way, Holme Lane, Stannington Road, Oldfield Road, Oldfield Avenue, Stannington Road, Upper Gate Road, Church Street, School Lane, Oldfield Road to Stannington, Oldfield Road/Nethergate

765 Grenoside – Bradfield School

AM Grenoside: Grenoside, Creswick Lane/Yew Lane via Creswick Lane, Wheel Lane, Penistone Road, Norfolk Hill, Main Street, Fox Hill Road, Penistone Road North, Leppings Lane, Catch Bar Lane, Middlewood Road, Middlewood Road North, Langsett Road South, Church Street, Haggstones Road, Kirk Edge Road to Bradfield School.

AM Worrall: Worrall, Worrall Road/Langsett Avenue via Worrall Road, Langsett Avenue, Middlewood Road, Middlewood Road North, Langsett Road South, Church Street, Haggstones Road, Kirk Edge Road to Bradfield School.

PM: 1510 Bradfield School via Kirk Edge Road, Haggstones Road, Burton Lane, Church Street, Bridge Hill, Low Road, Langsett Road South, Orchard Street, Oughtibridge, Low Road, Forge Hill, Middlewood Road North, Middlewood, Middlewood Road, Catch Bar Lane, Wadsley Bridge, Leppings Lane, Penistone Road North, Birley Carr, Fox Hill Road, Fox Hill, Norfolk Hill, Grenoside, School Lane, Penistone Road, Wheel Lane, Creswick Lane, Yew Lane to Grenoside, Yew Lane/Stocks Hill.

PM:1523 1510 Bradfield School via Kirk Edge Road, Haggstones Road, Burton Lane, Church Street, Bridge Hill, Low Road, Langsett Road South, Orchard Street, Oughtibridge, Low Road, Forge Hill, Middlewood Road North, Middlewood, Middlewood Road to Hillsborough Interchange

Please use the following link for details of tickets for young people.

www.firstgroup.com/south-yorkshire/tickets/ticket-types/young-people

Monday to Friday

Ref.No.: S722

Service No	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a	52a
Woodhouse Station	----	0435	0455	0523	0548	0604	0619	0634	0634	0647	0657	0657	0707	0716	0726	0735	0745	0755	0805	0816	0826	0836	0847
Handsworth, Richmond Rd Top	----	0444	0504	0532	0557	0613	0628	0644	0644	0657	0707	0707	0717	0726	0736	0745	0755	0805	0815	0826	0836	0846	0857
Darnall, Main Road, Wilkinsons	----	0452	0512	0540	0605	0621	0637	0653	0653	0707	0717	0717	0727	0738	0749	0759	0810	0821	0831	0841	0851	0901	0910
12 O Clock Court	----	0458	0518	0548	0613	0629	0645	0702	0702	0717	0727	0727	0737	0748	0800	0810	0821	0832	0842	0852	0902	0911	0920
Church Street	0437	0507	0527	0557	0622	0638	0654	0712	0712	0727	0738	0738	0748	0759	0811	0821	0832	0843	0853	0903	0913	0922	0931
Broomhill, Spooner Road	0446	0516	0536	0606	0631	0648	0704	0723	0723	0739	0750	0750	0800	0811	0823	0833	0844	0855	0905	0915	0925	0934	0943
Hillsborough Interchange	0456	0526	0546	0616	0641	0658	0714	0735	0735	0751	0802	0802	0814	0825	0837	0847	0858	0909	0919	0929	0939	0948	0957
Wisewood, Wisewood Avenue	----	----	----	0625	0650	0707	0723	0744	0744	----	0811	0811	0823	----	0846	0856	0907	0918	0928	0939	0949	0958	1007
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Handsworth, Richmond Rd Top	0908	0919	0932	0942	0952	1002	1012	1022	1032	1042	1053	1105	1115	1125	1135	1145	1155	1205	1215	1225	1235	1245	1255
Darnall, Main Road, Wilkinsons	0920	0931	0942	0952	1002	1012	1022	1032	1042	1052	1102	1114	1124	1134	1144	1154	1204	1214	1224	1234	1244	1254	1304
12 O Clock Court	0930	0940	0951	1001	1011	1021	1031	1041	1051	1101	1111	1123	1133	1143	1153	1203	1213	1223	1233	1243	1253	1303	1313
Church Street	0941	0951	1001	1011	1021	1031	1041	1051	1101	1111	1121	1133	1143	1153	1203	1213	1223	1233	1243	1253	1303	1313	1323
Broomhill, Spooner Road	0953	1003	1013	1023	1033	1043	1053	1103	1113	1123	1133	1145	1155	1205	1215	1225	1235	1245	1255	1305	1315	1325	1335
Hillsborough Interchange	1007	1017	1027	1037	1047	1057	1107	1117	1127	1137	1147	1159	1209	1219	1229	1239	1249	1259	1309	1319	1329	1339	1349
Wisewood, Wisewood Avenue	1018	1028	1038	1048	1058	1108	1118	1128	1138	1148	1158	1210	1220	1230	1240	1250	1300	1310	1320	1330	1340	1350	1400
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Handsworth, Richmond Rd Top	1305	1314	1324	1334	1344	1354	1404	1404	1414	1424	1434	1444	1454	1504	1514	1524	1533	1545	1556	1607	1617	1627	1637
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12 O Clock Court	1323	1332	1342	1352	1402	1412	1422	1422	1432	1442	1452	1502	1512	1522	1533	1543	1553	1604	1615	1626	1636	1646	1656
Church Street	1333	1342	1352	1402	1412	1422	1432	1442	1452	1502	1512	1522	1532	1543	1553	1603	1614	1625	1636	1646	1656	1706	1706
Broomhill, Spooner Road	1345	1355	1405	1415	1425	1435	1445	1445	1455	1505	1515	1525	1536	1546	1557	1607	1617	1628	1639	1650	1700	1710	1720
Hillsborough Interchange	1359	1409	1419	1429	1439	1449	1459	1459	1509	1519	1529	1539	1550	1600	1611	1621	1631	1642	1653	1704	1714	1724	1734
Wisewood, Wisewood Avenue	1410	1420	1430	1440	1450	1500	1510	1510	1520	----	1540	1550	1601	1611	1622	1632	1642	1653	1704	1715	1725	1735	1745
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Woodhouse Station	1637	1647	1658	1709	1720	1736	1751	1811	1831	1851	1911	1931	1951	2014	2044	2114	2144	2214	2244	2314			
Handsworth, Richmond Rd Top	1647	1657	1707	1718	1729	1745	1800	1820	1840	1900	1920	1940	2000	2023	2053	2123	2153	2223	2253	2323			
Darnall, Main Road, Wilkinsons	1657	1707	1717	1728	1739	1755	1810	1828	1848	1908	1928	1948	2008	2030	2100	2130	2200	2230	2300	2330			
12 O Clock Court	1706	1716	1726	1737	1748	1804	1820	1836	1856	1916	1936	1956	2016	2037	2107	2137	2207	2237	2307	2337			
Church Street	1716	1726	1736	1747	1758	1814	1830	1845	1904	1924	1944	2004	2024	2045	2115	2145	2215	2245	2315	2345			
Broomhill, Spooner Road	1730	1740	1750	1801	1812	1828	1842	1856	1915	1935	1955	2015	2035	2056	2126	2156	2226	2256	2326	2356			
Hillsborough Interchange	1744	1754	1804	1815	1826	1841	1854	1907	1926	1946	2006	2026	2046	2107	2137	2207	2237	2307	2337	0007			
Wisewood, Wisewood Avenue	1755	1805	1814	1825	1835	1850	1903	1916	1935	1955	2015	2035	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----			
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<i>Service No</i>	<i>764</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>763</i>
	SD	SD	SD
Stannington, Nethergate	0726	----	----
Stannington, Acorn Drive	----	0728	0733
Malin Bridge, Loxley Road	0737	0742	0747
Bradfield School	0749	0754	0759
SD - Schooldays Only			

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<i>Service No</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>764</i>	<i>764</i>
	SD	SD	SD
Bradfield School	1510	1510	1511
Malin Bridge, Loxley Road	1522	1522	1523
Stannington, Acorn Drive	1534	----	----
Stannington, Nethergate	----	1531	1532
SD - Schooldays Only			

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Grenoside - Bradfield School

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<i>Service No</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>765</i>
	SD	SD
Grenoside, Creswick Lane	0733	----
Grenoside, Norfolk Hill btm	0737	----
Fox Hill Crescent Top	0742	----
Worrall, Langsett Ave	----	0812
Middlewood, Winn Gardens	0753	0815
Bradfield School	0804	0830
SD - Schooldays Only		

Bradfield School - Grenoside

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<i>Service No</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>765</i>
	SD	SD
Bradfield School	1510	1523
Middlewood, Winn Gardens	1525	1535
Hillsborough Interchange	----	1542
Fox Hill Crescent Top	1536	----
Grenoside, School Lane	1544	----
Grenoside, Yew Lane/Stocks Hill	1554	----

SD - Schooldays Only