

## Travel by Bicycle

A small number of pupils and a regular group of staff cycle to school each day. We are able to provide covered cycle storage and were fortunate to obtain a grant of matched funding from Sustrans providing additional storage.



“The Shuttle bus has been a great help in allowing me to participate in extracurricular activities. Without the late bus service I would be unable to participate in any after-school activities. I really enjoy getting the shuttle as it is a great chance to socialise with different year groups before and after school”

Jennifer, Year 10, from Whitefield

“I have recently started getting the Roy McCarthy late bus. It has enabled me to participate in more after-school activities and also allows me to see teachers or catch up on work after school which is more important now that I am in Year 11. It is a reliable service which allows me to be dropped off near my home and I can also get it with a lot of my friends”

Isabelle - Year 11 - from Wilmslow

## More Information

For any further enquiries please contact:

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# Travel Guide

NEW  
PRIVATE  
SERVICES FROM  
SEPTEMBER  
2016



Transport to and from the School is an important issue for our parents and pupils, the majority of whom live more than 5km away. The School has taken a proactive approach in this area; we are committed to providing sustainable travel and offering parents and pupils a range of transport options.

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# Travel by Bus

## City Centre Shuttle Bus

This private, girls-only express shuttle bus is run in conjunction with Manchester High School for Girls. Girls are picked up from the City Centre mainline stations in the morning and offered a choice of two departure times in the afternoon. The bus drops girls off at the side of the School in the mornings and departs outside the front door in the

afternoons. This shuttle service is subsidised by the School to offer a cost-effective and flexible link for girls connecting with trains, trams and family lifts in the City Centre. No pre-booking is required and tickets are on a pay-as-you-go basis currently at £1 per journey, with termly return tickets available from school at a discounted rate.

## Private Services

Arranged directly with the companies for the following areas:



### Knutsford

**Bullocks**  
Contact: 0161 428 5265



### Warrington & Lymm

**Maynes**  
Contact: 01925 445588



### Prestwich & Cheetham Hill

**Finglands**  
Contact: 0161 224 3341  
coaches@finglands.co.uk



### Macclesfield, Prestbury, Wilmslow & Alderley Edge

**McCarthy's**  
Contact: 01625 425060



### Worsley Express

Covering Worsley, Monton, Eccles and Chorlton

**Belle Vue**  
Contact: 0161 947 9477

## NEW Private Services from September 2016

### Davenport, Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle Private 158

This route was operated by First Buses until July 2016. We are now able to offer parents a privately-run service by Bullocks Coaches. The service will be shared with Manchester High School for Girls. Parents need to buy a termly or annual pass. To obtain further information please call Bullocks on 0161 427 5265.

### Bowdon, Hale, Hale Barns

Private 141 & Private 241 (supervised service primarily for Junior School and Year 7 pupils)  
These services were operated by First Buses until July 2016. We are now able to offer parents privately run services by Bullocks Coaches. The services will be shared with Manchester High School for Girls and 50-seater coaches (with seat-belts) have been assigned to these routes. Parents will need to buy a termly or annual pass. To obtain further information please call Bullocks on 0161 427 5265. Please note that the cost of the supervisor is paid separately to the administrator of this service, Mrs Julie Murray. For more information contact Mrs Murray on julie\_murray@mac.com

## Late Service

The School will continue to offer a Late Service (at 5.15 pm) from Monday to Thursday. This service will pick girls up at the front of School and will take part of the 158 route (to John Lewis) before going on to Bowdon. Girls who have an annual pass will be able to use the Late Service for no additional charge. Ad-hoc use of the late bus will also be possible on purchase of a ticket (£2) from Reception.

## Public Service Buses used by the girls:

Route	No.
Sale Moor, Sale	41
Stockport via Heaton Moor	22
Stockport via East Didsbury	42
Northenden	41, 43, 141
West Didsbury	41, 43, 143
East Didsbury	42, 142, X57
Gatley	44
Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme	X57

Further details on timetables and routes are available from Transport for Greater Manchester at [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com)

# Late Services

## City Centre Shuttle Bus

The Shuttle Bus late service operates 5 days a week – Monday to Friday – and there are two departure times in the afternoon. One is straight after School and the other at 5.15pm to fit in with after-school activities.

For more information on the Shuttle service please email [office@wgs.org](mailto:office@wgs.org) or call 0161 224 1077

1st Morning Service		2nd Morning Service		After School Service		5.15pm Service	
Victoria Station	7.55	Victoria Station	8.13	WGS	3.50	WGS	5.15
Piccadilly Station	8.10	Piccadilly Station	8.25	MHSG	4.00	MHSG	5.20
MHSG	8.25	MHSG	8.40	Oxford Rd Station	4.15	Oxford Rd Station	5.35
WGS	8.30	WGS	8.45	Piccadilly Station	4.25	Piccadilly Station	5.45
				Victoria Station	4.40	Victoria Station	6.00

Victoria Station bus departs from the layby opposite Hanover Street. Piccadilly Station bus departs from the bus stop on Fairfield Street.

*“The late bus is a fantastic opportunity for all ages in the Seniors. We can do so many extra-curricular activities without worrying how to get home.”*

Bhavya, Year 8, from Stockport

*“I am so pleased that Withington have introduced a shuttle bus to Piccadilly Station. The bus parks right outside school, it leaves on time and my daughter can keep contact with her friends at Manchester High. The best bit is that she can now catch the train home. It’s quicker and cheaper than driving and she even manages to do a bit of homework on the way!”*

Mother of Alice, Year 10, from Glossop

*“It’s great using the shuttle bus because I have been able to make friends with girls in other years”*

Elana, Year 8, from Radcliffe near Bury

## Late 158/141 Bus

Serving South Manchester, a late bus – combining the new Bullocks services (158 and 141) – is run in partnership with Manchester High School for Girls, leaving School at 5.15pm, travelling from MHSG and stopping at Didsbury, John Lewis, Cheadle before going on to Hale and Bowdon. This service runs four nights a week, Monday to Thursday, and facilitates girls' participation in after-school activities. There is no additional charge for pupils holding a termly annual pass. Ad hoc use of the bus is possible. Tickets cost £2 and are available from Reception.

## McCarthy's Bus

McCarthy's provide a well-established private coach service to Macclesfield, Prestbury, Alderley Edge and Handforth. A late service is available for all girls booked on this route – from Monday to Friday – at a small additional cost. This provides girls with the flexibility of either taking the coach home at the end of school or using the late service at 5.15pm when they have after-school activities. Please contact McCarthy's on 01625 425060 for further information.

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