

## Travel Briefing for schools affected by the former De Courcey routes

The following former De Courcey routes have been re-procured by TfWM and will be running from Wednesday next week. The providers of the routes are Thandi (S4, S5, S44, S46, 112), Johnsons (S32,S43, S45, 85S), Green Bus (S40, S42,S48) and Stagecoach (S60).

School	Service	route	AM	PM
Cardinal Newman School	S5	Allesley - Cardinal Newman R.C School	Yes	Yes
Cardinal Newman School	S360	route tbc	Yes	Yes
Cardinal Wiseman School	112	Cardinal School - Gosford Green via Willenhall	Yes	Yes
Coundon Court School	S32	Coundon Court School - Brownhill Green	No	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S40	Wildcroft Rd - Ullathorne Sch via Earlsdon	Yes	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S42	Broad Lane - Bishop Ullathorne R.C School	Yes	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S43	Bishop Ullathorne Sch - Broad Lane	No	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S44	Ullathorne School - Toll Bar End via Stivichall	Yes	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S45	Bishop Ullathorne Sch - Hillfields via Gulson Road	Yes	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S46	Willenhall - Bishop Ullathorne School	Yes	Yes
Bishop Ullathorne School	S48	Bishop Ullathorne R.C School - Tile Hill Village	Yes	Yes
Bluecoat School	85S	Bluecoats Academy - Walsgrave	Yes	Yes
Bluecoat School	S4	Bluecoat Academy - Eastern Green via Allesley Park	Yes	Yes
Westwood Academy	S61	School day service - to from Arena via Eastern Green	Yes	Yes

TfWM have used the activity data provided by schools, cross referenced with De Courcey ticketing information, to assess the required capacity, and have procured single or double decked buses accordingly. We will be able to share the detailed position on this next week.

TfWM have confirmed that the providers all have drivers who are DBS enhanced checked, which is in line with the DfE guidance.

The 360/60/61 route may not operate as a school dedicated service – we are waiting for this to be confirmed. TfWM are looking to put something in place to address the route change. From the information provided this affects Westwood, WMG and Cardinal Newman. TfWM have also asked for confirmation of the routes for these buses. This will be followed up with the schools involved.

To assist any test and trace requirements please can schools maintain a list of pupils that generally travel via each of the routes. This will also be the case for the National Express school dedicated services that also serve your schools.

Please can you let me know if you are aware of any students that use a wheelchair or have mobility issues that will be utilising these services.

**The following will assist you with communications with parents:**

In any communications with parents, please can you alert/reference parents to the general letter that will be provided in the school briefing email today, as that highlights what is expected on school dedicated transport.

It is recognised that parents may be unable to sort bus passes in time, and the operators will be unable to take individual fares. The operators will therefore allow students on the buses without a pass for the first couple of weeks. From the 14<sup>th</sup> September students will require a pass to access these services.

The ticket required is an nbus ticket. There are 4 options available, please see the table below. These can either be purchased from the Travel Shop located at Coventry Bus Station or online using the links below. A photograph of the student will need to be provided. Online purchases can take up to 5 days to be delivered.

Once you have the nbus ticket, as well as being able to travel on these services, it will also cover travel on all buses, at all times across the region.

<b>Ticket Type</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Buy Online</b>
Child 1 week nbus	£9.20	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/46">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/46</a>
Child 4 week nbus	£34.50	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/52">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/52</a>
Child nbus term (valid until 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 20)	£108.00	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/544">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/544</a>
Child Monthly Direct Debit	£32.00	<a href="https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/58">https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk/tickets/#/ticket/58</a>

These services will also accept nnetwork tickets.

If parents have already purchased a National Express Bus ticket, this ticket will also be accepted for a limited period until the ticket expires but you must change to an nbus ticket on your next purchase.

As I'm sure you appreciate this has all happened very quickly, and there are likely to be some issues that arise which we will need to work through. If you have any initial queries please contact me via email or phone, and please can you email me in relation to any information requests throughout this document. Thank you

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