

Dear Parents/Carers

Home to School Transport Arrangements Session 2024/2025

Transport to school is facilitated by two suppliers; McGills, and Hunters Executive Coaches. Information about home to school transport can be found on the school website in the ["Current Parents" section](#)

The school bus routes are either Public Bus routes operated by McGills, or Private Hire routes operated by Hunters Executive Coaches on contract to the school.

Public routes (McGills): Since January 2022 any Scottish resident under the age of 22 is eligible for free bus travel. To qualify for the scheme, pupils need to have a National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC). Please see the link below for details on how to apply:

[Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme | How to Apply | Transport Scotland](#)

If you do not have a National Entitlement Card, tickets may be purchased onboard the bus or via the McGills ticket office.

Private Hire Routes (Hunters Executive Coaches): Journeys can be purchased via the RideKura App. Details are outlined below.

The routes provided by Hunters Executive Coaches are contracted by the school. To recoup this expenditure, we have to levy a charge. Operational costs for these routes has increased by over 6%. The cost of travelling this session will increase by approximately 6%. The new Zone pricing per day will be as follows:

Zone	Single	Return
Zone 1	£ 2.65	£ 5.30
Zone 1A	£ 3.75	£ 7.50
Zone 2	£ 5.40	£10.80
Zone 3	£ 6.70	£13:40
Zone 4	£ 8.10	£16.20
Prep Bus	£ 7.40	£14.80

Wristbands / SmartDots

Wristbands or Smart Dots are issued to pupils when they join the school to allow access to our door system. These dots and bands are also used to record travel on routes operated by Hunters Executive Coaches. If any current pupil has lost their band/dot, please email the school office prior to the start of term to request a replacement;

dollaracademy@dollaracademy.org.uk

Points to note

The D3 route from South East Fife has a change to the morning schedule and will leave 10 minutes earlier this session. Please see the timetable:

https://dollaracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SE-Fife_Aug2024.pdf

Road works in Dunfermline have been completed and the timetables will run as published at the normal stops.

Please make sure to book a seat on the coach using the RideKura App if you wish your child to travel. Booking a seat ensures availability for your child and enables the school to monitor capacity.

Booking journeys via the RideKura App

Please book a seat for journeys to and from school using the RideKura App, making sure you book a morning and an afternoon / late seat as needed. Please note you will only be charged for the journey made. Please make sure you only book the journeys your child(ren) need to use.

Please note:

- Charging for journeys made means you will not be charged for booking a seat, only for a journey undertaken.
- Please book for the intended journey, there is no need to cancel this booking if your child(ren) can no longer use the coach.
- Please do not double-book seats. Bookings will be audited against journeys taken.
- Pupils using the service must **tap on and off the coach** using their wrist band. It is important that **pupils tap off the coach on their homeward journeys**.
- Pupils can only depart the coach at a registered stop.

Information on our Timetables can be found on the school website: "[Travelling to Dollar](#)"

RideKura App and self-help video guides

There is a comprehensive collection of video help guides and tutorials on the link below. Please note that Parents are referred to as "Observers" in the RideKura system.

<https://ridekura.com/observer-App-guides/>

New users of the RideKura App

You will receive a 'Welcome to Kura' email from Kura, the transport management App used at Dollar Academy. It will provide the details of how to create your secure Kura account. Once you have set up your account the Kura App can be downloaded. This can be found in both the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store.

Bookings can be made for the entire school year or on a daily /weekly basis. You will be billed automatically each term for the journeys taken by your child(ren). For example: To make a booking for the Autumn term select the first date of term in August 2024 and the last day of the term in December. School holiday/half term dates will be automatically removed.

You will receive immediate confirmation, via the App, when your booking request has been successfully completed.

Contact us for assistance

Miss Nicola Redhead manages the Home to School Transport on a daily basis. Please direct queries to her via the school email address dollaracademy@dollaracademy.org.uk

Kind Regards

John Hughes