

Transport and the Connected County

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Dear Parent or Carer,

School Transport to Cheslyn Hay Academy

I am writing to advise you of a change to the existing transport into Cheslyn Hay Academy which will take effect from January 2020.

Your child/ren are not entitled to free school transport. They have been travelling on the National Express registered local services 854 or 868 and paying a daily fare. National Express have informed us that they are withdrawing these services from the end of December.

We have re-tendered for a new service to ensure that children entitled to school transport are able to get to school. We have had no new bids to operate this transport as a registered local service. From January the National Express routes will be replaced with multiple contracted school services which will be for children entitled to transport and will operate as a fixed route within the catchment area. It will not be possible for your child to travel on the new service as they will be unable to pay a daily fare.

Children who live in Essington are able to travel using local service 71, and children in Featherstone will be able to use local service 71a or 67. Fares can be paid daily or passes can be purchased from the operator. All of these services are operated by Select buses and timetables can be found on their website:

<https://www.selectbusservices.com/>

In Staffordshire we offer the opportunity to utilise a Temporary Vacant Seat on school contracted routes where seats are available. This service is usually chargeable but is currently being offered free of charge until Friday 3 April 2020. You may be able to utilise a seat on one of the new routes however the number of seats for this scheme are limited and we cannot guarantee a place. Children will only be able to board the vehicle with a valid pass and at a designated stop, the route cannot be altered to accommodate children not entitled to free transport.

These seats are offered on a first come, first served basis they are not guaranteed and may be withdrawn at any time. Should a seat not be available or be withdrawn then you remain responsible for arranging and funding travel as you feel is necessary. For further information on applying for a Temporary Vacant Seat you can visit our website –

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schooltransport/VacantSeats/temporaryvacantseatscheme.aspx>

Details of the routes, timetables and number of seats available per route are listed below:-

Timetable: 634

<u>Pick Up/Set Down</u>	<u>Outward</u>	<u>Return</u>
Essington – B4156 / The Gables	08:12	15:30
Essington – The Green (Brownshore Lane) Jct Larchmere Lane	08:15	15:33
Cheslyn Hay Academy, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7JQ	08:30	15:15

Number of seats available – 5

Timetable: 635

<u>Pick Up/Set Down</u>	<u>Outward</u>	<u>Return</u>
Essington – Sneyd Lane / Jct Sherringham	08:11	15:30
Essington – Upper Sneyd Road (BS outside 16)	08:13	15:32
Essington – Essington WMC (Opp on High Hill)	08:15	15:34
Cheslyn Hay Academy, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7JQ	08:30	15:15

Number of seats available – 7

Timetable:636

<u>Pick Up/Set Down</u>	<u>Outward</u>	<u>Return</u>
Essington – Church (Bus Stop)	08:11	15:34
Essington – Warstone Road /Broad Lane (Bus Stop)	08:15	15:30
Cheslyn Hay Academy, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7JQ	08:30	15:15

Number of seats available – 5

Timetable:639

<u>Pick Up/Set Down</u>	<u>Outward</u>	<u>Return</u>
Featherstone – Costcutter-Bus stop opp (The Avenue)	08:12	15:33
Featherstone – Cannock Road Bus Lay by	08:15	15:30
Cheslyn Hay Academy, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7JQ	08:30	15:15

Number of seats available – 10

Timetable:640

<u>Pick Up/Set Down</u>	<u>Outward</u>	<u>Return</u>
Featherstone – Community Centre (The Avenue)	08:10	15:30
Featherstone – Turnstone Drive opp plover Close)	08:12	15:32
Featherstone – opp Featherstone Academy	08:15	15:35
Cheslyn Hay Academy, Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7JQ	08:30	15:15

Number of seats available – 4

If you do require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Anne Holt
Mainstream Transport Officer