

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dedicated Bluestar / Mayflower (Private) School Transport Application 2026-2027

You need to book /re-book **NOW** if you require a seat for September 2026 by following this link and completing the form: [Dedicated School Transport 2026-2027 Booking Application \(whole school\) – Fill in form](#)

A confirmation email will be sent within 7 days of your submission. Please contact the college if you do not receive a booking confirmation within 7 days of submission. (except during school holidays).

Application closing date is Friday 19th June 2026.

Services are only offered to those who live more than 3 miles from the college or where there is not a direct route available on public services. The advantages are: -

- Safety and convenience of one bus direct to the college gates with no changes.
- Guaranteed no late mark should the bus be running late due to weather/traffic.
- An electronic bus pass/app (**Bluestar passes only** - can be used on all public routes term time, half terms and weekends). **Hard copies are available on request.**
- Track your bus and its arrival time via the Bluestar / ShuttleID Mayflower app.

From September 2026 a deposit of £175 is required by no later than 7th August 2026 to secure a seat - followed by payments in advance.

Payment options for 2026-2027 (Payments are only accepted via your child's online ScoPay account).

Service	5 Payments due by:	Total
301	£175 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,050
302	£175 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,050
303/S	£175 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,050
303/H	£205 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,200
304	£175 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,050
A	£195 due by : 5 th Oct, 30 th Nov, 22 nd Jan, 12 th March, 10 th May 2027	£1,150

303/H = Live in or beyond Lowford/Burseldon) - 303/S = Live within Southampton City Council's boundary.

ScoPay registration information will be given to your child on their Year 6 Induction day with us Wednesday 1st July 2026.

Please note: Assisted places are available for those eligible: Satisfies the means testing criteria (child entitled to free school meals & parents are in receipt of MAXIMUM Working Tax Credits or Universal Credits, with an earned income of no more than £7,400).

If you think you qualify for funding, please apply using the following link: [Mainstream school travel support](#) by no later than **31st May 2026**. Applications received after this date will be treated as late applications. Meaning travel funding may not be in place for the start of the new school year. **Being approved for funding does mean you've booked a seat, you need to complete the online form above to secure a booking.**

Re-applying for funding; You **MUST** re-apply every year. You will be asked to provide evidence of your annual household income being less than £7,400. There is no need to submit a copy of your child's baptism certificate or acceptance letter as evidence again; they will have this on file. You will need to mention this in this section of your online application.

First time funding applicants: A copy of your child’s **Catholic** Baptism Certificate or an acceptance letter from the Head Teacher must be included to support your application, along with your household income evidence being less than £7,400 per annum. *(If you require a letter from the Head Teacher, please contact me.)*

Failure to keep payments up to date or poor behavior will result in your child losing his/her seat.

Priority will initially be given on distance to years 7 and 8; the remainder will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. As there is only one school bus each way per day, it is imperative that your child arrives at their stop 5 minutes before the bus is due, as the driver has a timetable to keep to which cannot be delayed.

Timetables are available for viewing/downloading on the college website: www.stgcc.co.uk with further information on other public transport services available across the Hampshire area.

May I remind you that college transport does NOT OPERATE on the Year 7’s first day. Therefore, it is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to arrange this.

Important Information regarding your Electronic / QR bus pass or Hard Copy pass

- You will receive a “Gift Code/QR Code” via email from your operator by no later than Friday 10th July 2026.
* *If booked on the 301, your child will need to download the Bluestar app on their phone (NOT YOURS).*
- Bus passes will not become active until the morning of Friday 4th September 2026.
- **Hard Copy bus passes are available should your child not have a smart phone.** To place an order send a passport style photo of your child, plus an image of their QR code from shuttleID to: transport@stgcc.co.uk by no later then 17th July 2026. **Passes need to be collected from student services on their first day.**

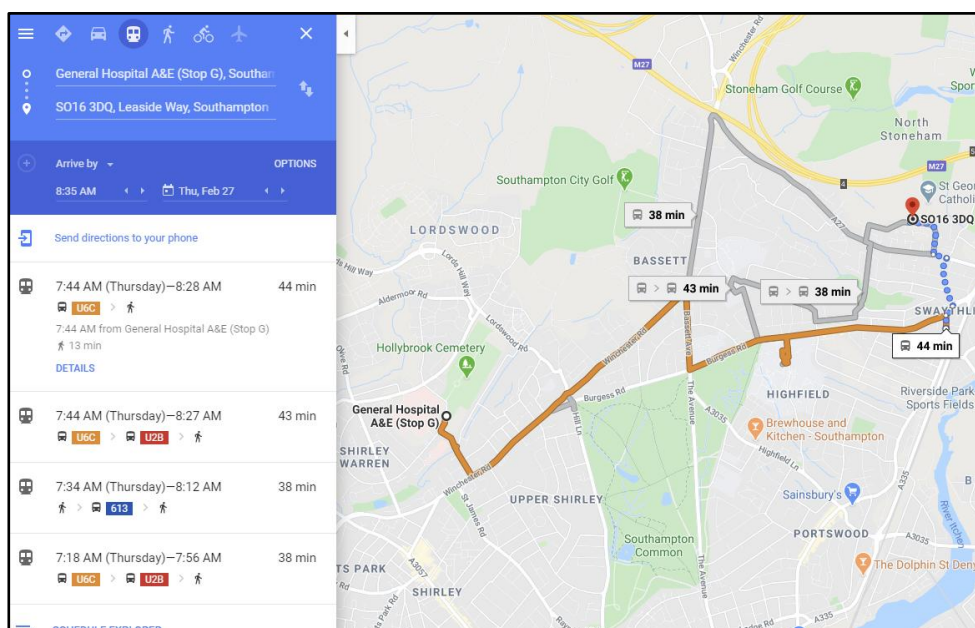
On rare occasions, the college withholds the right to take back a pupil’s seat once it has been offered. Our oldest pupils in Years 11 and 10 will be approached first. An example of this will be a late arrival of a student who is:

- Looked after (in foster care)
- SEN disability – physical/emotional/cognitive
- Any other reason at the discretion of the Head Teacher / Governors.

Prefer a public service route, but not sure which one!

If you are unsure which public service is the best option for your child, just enter the college postcode “SO16 3DQ” into google maps, click “directions” and enter your home address. Adjust the “arrive by” time to 08:20am. The results will look similar to the image below with all available route options listed.

Bluestar/Unilink offer a “Child Southampton Zone” ticket at the very reasonable rate of approx. £13 per week.



Travel Code of Conduct Terms & Conditions

- As there is a waiting list for all services, failure to keep payments up to date will result in your child losing his/her seat. **We do not expect payments to fall behind at any time.**
- **Late applications for assisted/funded transport will incur the daily rate payable to the college.**
- There are no refunds given for absence due to a family holiday, sickness or injuries (except in extreme circumstances). Refunds are only given if you are willing to let the seat be sold permanently to the next student on the waiting list.
- **On occasions, cover drivers will be used when usual drivers are either on sick leave or holiday. So it is your child's responsibility to wave at the approaching bus driver for them to stop, as the driver will not be familiar with the students booked on the service.**
- If you decide at a later date that you no longer require transport, we will require a **"10 school day cancellation notice period"**, so it is imperative you inform the college as soon as possible. **Failure to inform the college will result in fees being incurred.**
- **Any inappropriate behavior** reported will be dealt with by our Senior Management Team and Head Teacher. Fees will still apply if any student is set a temporary ban from the service.
- Those who screenshot or share their bus pass will have their passes automatically deactivated without notice by the Bluestar/ShuttleID app monitoring team for 24 hours.
- Should your child receive a detention, take up an after-school activity or stay behind for extra studies, the college is not responsible to fund or find alternative transport.
- Any unpaid fares will be passed to Southampton City Council's Debt department for collection.
- **It is your responsibility to provide a working email address (parent or child's) for the QR / Gift Code to be sent to.**
- **IMPORTANT: The College have the right to withdraw any service from the timetable giving one full term's notice without prejudice.**

By applying to travel on the college bus, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions as set out in this letter and the attached Transport Policy.

You need to reconfirm/reserve your seat **NOW** for September 2026 by completing the online form here:

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by no later than Friday 19th June 2026. You will receive a confirmation email of your booking within 7 days (not including school holidays), if you do not receive this, please contact transport@stgcc.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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