

The Culham Bus Club is a parent-organised bus service that runs **Buses 5, 6 & 7**, which serve the areas to the south of the schools.

Bus use at our schools has increased by 100% over the past few years. Please consider subscribing to a school bus route, and help relieve the school of traffic congestion while gaining 2-3 hours of free time each day! If you are considering returning to work or expanding your work hours, the school bus is the perfect solution.

**Bus Company:**

Our buses are run by JD Travel, a small family-owned bus company located in Culham.

**Organiser & Contact Information:**

The bus organiser is Jon Alcantara, a Europa School parent and the Transport Coordinator for the Europa PTA. Jon can be contacted at [transport@europa-pta.org](mailto:transport@europa-pta.org).

**Timetables / Maps** (updated 09/01/2017)

- **BUS 5** (Harwell and Didcot area)  
Hendred - Harwell - Chilton - Blewbury - Didcot - Ladygrove - Appleford
- **BUS 6** (Wantage, South Abingdon and Sutton Courtenay)  
Wantage - Grove - Hanney - Marcham - South Abingdon - Drayton - Sutton Courtenay
- **BUS 7** (Reading, Wallingford and Dorchester areas)  
Tilehurst - Whitchurch - Goring - Cholsey - Wallingford - Benson - Shillingford - Dorchester

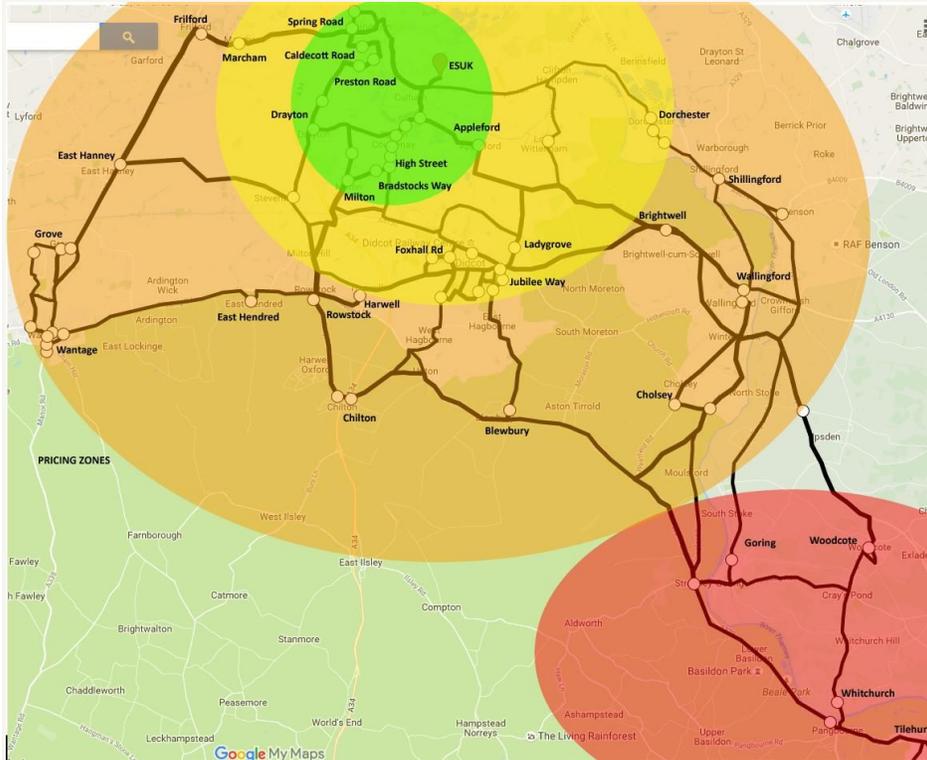
Bus 5 now serves **central Didcot** and **Didcot Parkway** rail station!

Please contact [transport@europa-pta.org](mailto:transport@europa-pta.org) to join the Bus Club.

**What are the fares?**

Bus usage is by subscription. The Bus Club offers a tiered model with distance-based zones:

	Single Half-time	Single Full-time	Multiple Half-time	Multiple Full-time
<b>Zone 1</b>	50% (Mornings only)	66%	90% (Mornings only)	120%
<b>Zone 2</b>	50%	90%	90%	163%
<b>Zone 3</b>	55%	100%	100%	180%
<b>Zone 4</b>	67%	120%	120%	200%



### Culham Bus Club Pricing Zones

Subscription fees are calculated per term. They are calculated by dividing the total cost of the buses by the number of subscriptions. Invoices are sent out one month into each term. By confirming your subscription to the Bus Club, you commit for the term and to settle the fees on time. In the Culham Bus Club, it is possible to pay at once, or in three monthly installments.

At present, families who subscribe pay only for one or two children maximum, third and fourth children can ride on the Family Subscription. This is to encourage bus usage and get more cars off the road.

For a new school year, we are asking a £100 non-refundable deposit for each place reserved on the buses, payable in August. New subscribers also pay a £100 non-refundable deposit if they start before invoicing has taken place.

Bus passes will be issued to new Bus Club subscribers.

#### Can I buy individual tickets for occasional rides?

Please contact [transport@europa-pta.org](mailto:transport@europa-pta.org) if you have a non-subscription transport request.

#### What are the bus routes, stops and timetables?

Current bus routes and stops have been negotiated with the bus company with a view to covering as large an area as possible and at the same time ensuring that the journey duration is not too long, and the buses arrive on time at school. The target arrival time is 8.00, so that secondaries can get to their classes on time.

Wherever possible, we will consider adjusting bus stops to make it easier for families using the service.

Drivers will endeavour to respect the timetables issued, however please note that times are approximate as there may be delays due to traffic. Please arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early in the mornings to ensure you catch the bus, and in the afternoons if collecting your children.

We recommend that parents (especially of younger children) using the same bus stop liaise with each other and exchange telephone numbers, or join the WhatsApp group corresponding to your bus. The bus driver cannot wait for parents who arrive late to pick up their child, and should you be delayed, please arrange with a fellow parent to receive your child off the bus. Each Bus Club bus has a WhatsApp group that allows parents to track the progress of the buses and communicate with fellow parents.

Parents should remind their children to board quickly and rapidly find a seat, to wear their seat-belts at all times, and stay in their seats during the entire duration of the journey. Drivers cannot conduct checks.

#### **Can exchange students or guests use the service?**

Of course. However, prior agreement from the organisers has to be obtained to make sure there is space.

#### **What do parents have to tell the school?**

Parents need to inform their child's school at the beginning of each school year/term that their children are bus users and which bus they are on. Parents of primary children must also inform the school of any changes in the regular pattern, ideally at least a day before the change, by writing to [bus@europaschool.uk](mailto:bus@europaschool.uk) The Bus Club is not responsible for this.

#### **Can I try the service before committing to a full term's subscription?**

Yes. If you would like to try the service, it is possible to book a trial period, space permitting.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Bus Club at [transport@europa-pta.org](mailto:transport@europa-pta.org) if you need more information or would like to subscribe.