

June 2019 information

The Culham Bus Club is a parent-organised bus service that runs **Buses 5 - 12**, which serve the areas to the south of the schools. The Bus Club routes are from September 2019 operated by Oxfordshire County Council, providing ESUK with its first official County Council school bus routes. Bus Club subscriptions are now very reasonably priced, and residents of certain villages can purchase even cheaper OCC passes, see [below](#) for more details.

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 Companies:

Our buses are run by Tappins, Horseman Coaches and Charlton Services. All Bus Club routes are run in cooperation with Oxfordshire County Council.

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.

Timetables / Maps (updated June 2019)

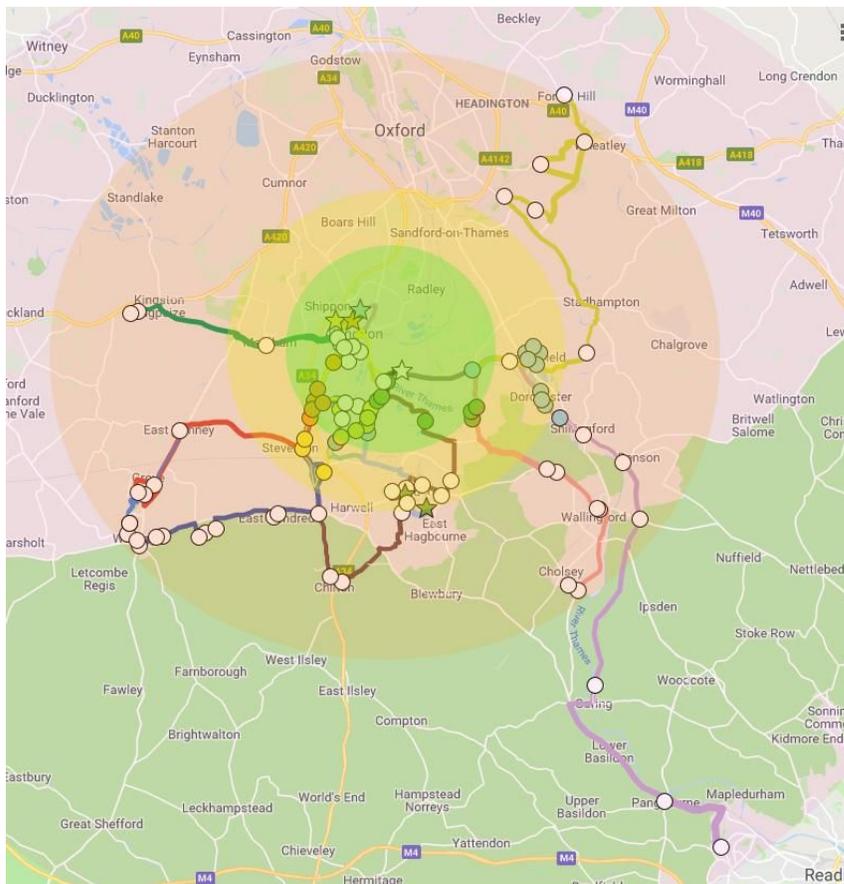
- **BUS 5** (Didcot area)
Chilton - Didcot - Ladygrove - Appleford
- **BUS 6** (South Abingdon area)
Southmoor - Marcham - South Abingdon - Drayton - Sutton Courtenay
- **BUS 7** (Reading and Dorchester areas)
Tilehurst - Pangbourne - Goring - Crowmarsh - Benson - Shillingford - Dorchester - Berinsfield
- **BUS 8** (Wantage and Steventon areas)
Grove - Wantage - Ardington - East Hendred - Steventon - Drayton - Sutton Courtenay
- **BUS 9** (Cholsey, Wallingford & Long Wittenham)
Cholsey - Wallingford - Brightwell - Long Wittenham - Clifton Hampden
- **BUS 10** (Wheatley, Garsington & Berinsfield)
Forest Hill - Wheatley - Horspath - Blackbird Leys - Chiselhampton - Berinsfield - Burcot - Clifton Hampden
- **BUS 12** (Grove & Sutton Courtenay - mornings only)
Grove - East Hanney - Milton - Sutton Courtenay

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	Family Half-time	Family Full-time
Zone 1	50% Autumn 2018: 12.35 per week	75% Autumn 2018: 18.71 per week	90% Autumn 2018: 22.47 per week	135% Autumn 2018: 33.71 per week
Zone 2	50% Autumn 2018: 12.35 per week	90% Autumn 2018: 22.47 per week	90% Autumn 2018: 22.47 per week	162% Autumn 2018: 40.45 per week
Zone 3	55% Autumn 2018: 13.74 per week	100% Autumn 2018: 24.97 per week	100% Autumn 2018: 24.97 per week	180% Autumn 2018: 44.95 per week
Zone 4	67% Autumn 2018: 16.65 per week	120% Autumn 2018: 30.00 per week	120% Autumn 2018: 30.00 per week	216% Autumn 2018: 53.93 per week

Example prices from Autumn 2018 are included above.



Bus Club Pricing Zones

OCC fares

Residents of the following villages are eligible to apply for full-time OCC passes at the following prices:

Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Milton, Steventon, Long Wittenham, Dorchester, Berinsfield, Burcot, Clifton Hampden

Under 3 miles from home to school £370.64 per annum
£123.55 per term

3 miles and over from home to school £690.72 per annum
£230.24 per term

Invoices will be sent three times per year as follows: -

Invoice 1 in August to cover Autumn Term: September to December

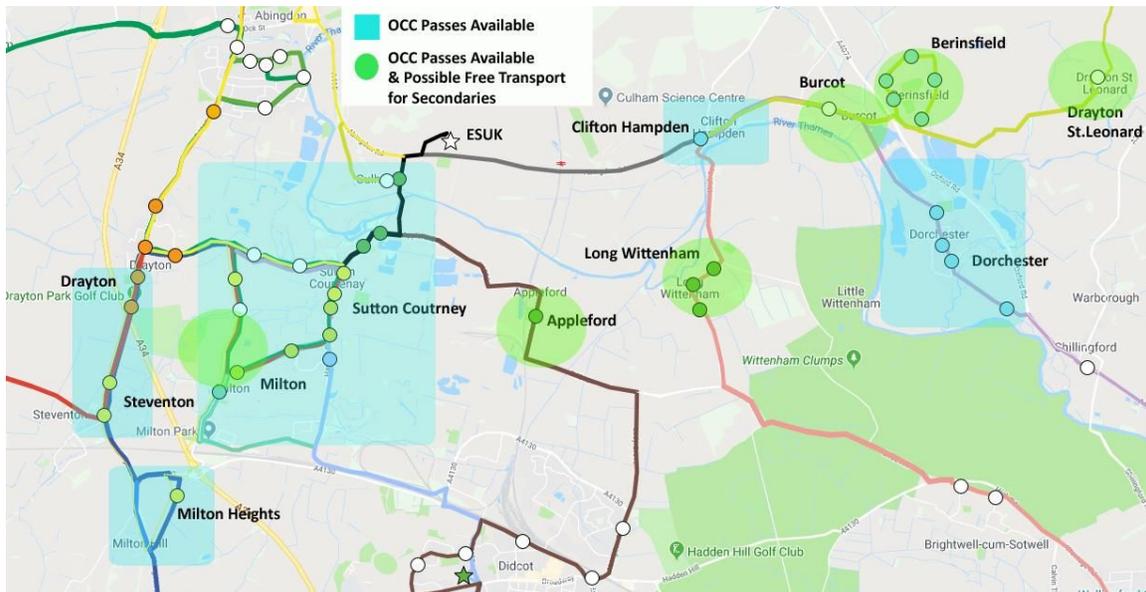
Invoice 2 in December to cover Spring Term: January to March

Invoice 3 in March to cover Summer Term: April to July

Charges can be waived for certain low-income groups. Applications for OCC fares can be made with [this form](#).

OCC Free School Transport

Secondary pupils for whom ESUK is the nearest secondary school, who live more than 3 miles away, or have no safe walking route to school, are eligible for free school transport. In practice, this is likeliest in: Appleford, Milton, Long Wittenham, Berinsfield, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard. For certain low-income groups the range is wider (one of three nearest schools). Applications can be made [here](#).



Areas where OCC passes are available

Subscription fees are calculated per term. They are calculated by dividing the cost of the buses by the 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.

Bus passes are issued to Bus Club subscribers.

Can I buy individual tickets for occasional rides?

Please contact 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 arranged with the bus companies and OCC 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 at ESUK is 8.00 or earlier, 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) 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

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of the journey. Drivers cannot conduct checks.

Can exchange students or guests use the service?

Of course. However, prior agreement from the organisers should be obtained to make sure there is space. Please email transport@europa-pta.org or send a WhatsApp message.

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@europaschooluk.org, or using the online form. 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 if you need more information or would like to subscribe.