

Home to School Transport (HTST) Options 2025-26

There are two HTST options for students attending The Trafalgar School at Downton

- (i) Your home address is within the school catchment area
- (ii) Your home address is outside of the school catchment area

You can check your catchment school by inputting your details on the Wiltshire website:

<https://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=78160d89e1004ccd a210923b82ee9959>

The Trafalgar School is your designated catchment school

Transport regulations for schools are set by the Government; full details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-guidance>

Children of compulsory school age qualify for free transport if they go to their nearest suitable school and any of the following conditions apply:

- the school is more than 3 miles away and the child is 8 or over
- there's no safe walking route between their home and school
- they cannot walk there because of their special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities or a mobility problem

If your child does not qualify for free school transport for these reasons, they may still qualify if you have a low family income. To find out more about these options or to apply for transport under the SEN scheme please use the Wiltshire Council website where you will find full details and application forms:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport>

Wiltshire Local Authority (LA) operate several services to Trafalgar from the following locations:

- 905 – Bishopstone, Coombe Bissett, Homington, Odstock, Nunton, Britford, Bodenham
- 906 – Alderbury, Whaddon, West Grimstead,
- 907 – Landford/Plaitford, Nomansland, Morgans Vale
- 908 – Cowesfield, Whiteparish, Landford, Hamptworth
- 909 – Woodfalls, Lover, Redlynch
- They also supply several taxis for SEN transported students. Allocation of seats under this scheme is the responsibility of the LA, please be advised the school have no input into this process. Eligibility is determined based on your personal circumstances.

The transport section can be contacted via email: educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 01225 712852 or 01225 713365

The Trafalgar School is out of your catchment area

For parents opting to send their child/ren to The Trafalgar School as an out of catchment pupil we offer the following services to assist with getting your child/ren to school.

- Magna Learning Partnership (MLP) provide a service to pupils from Salisbury and surrounding areas. We currently operate two double decker buses contracted in via Go South Coast (Salisbury Reds). For minibuses, we provide three 16 seat minibus services to more rural areas and two other minibuses to support the double decker bus passenger overflow.

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Current bus Routes (Reviewed annually)

- D2: Salisbury, Devizes Rd, St Peters Place, Bemerton Heath, Wilton, Netherhampton, West Harnham
 - D3: Longhedge, Beehive, Castle Road, London Rd, Bishopdown, Central Salisbury, South Harnham, Rowbarrow, Downton Road
 - D4 minibus: West Tytherley, West Dean, Farley
 - D5 minibus: Alderholt, Damerham, Rockbourne, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge, Godshill, Woodgreen
 - D6 minibus: East Grimstead, Winterslow, Firsdawn, A30 Corridor, Laverstock
 - D7 minibus: West Harnham
 - D8 minibus: Churchfields, Central Salisbury, Britford
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- The service is reviewed annually to ensure efficiency of routes and cost effectiveness. The Head Teacher sets the cost for the service and for this academic year 25/26, this has been set as £1200. Payments are collected via direct debit on the 1st of the month over 10 equal monthly instalments (Sept – June). We regret we are unable to offer any discounts or part time seats as our operation is non-profit making.
 - If you qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) you may be entitled to some assistance from the LA. You must apply via the Wiltshire website; we have no input into this process. Be advised that the criteria are very strict, if you have chosen to send your child to an out of catchment school when there are spaces at your catchment school, your application may not be successful, and you will need to fund the transport personally.
 - Bus passes for the double decker services are digital. Information on how to set up a pass is issued when a valid payment method has been set up. Pupils will need a smartphone that can download the Salisbury Reds App. The pass will need to be shown to the driver on boarding. If your child does not have a phone we can offer a physical pass, however there is a charge of £12 for this service. Passes for the minibuses are not required as the driver is aware of who is travelling on the service.
 - An additional value part of this service enables children to travel at no extra cost on the X3, R and PR prefixed services when attending after school clubs. This is during term time only up until 6.30pm and will show as invalid if scanned at any other time. Students travelling on minibuses can apply for a free pass from Trafalgar school student services
 - If you live in the vicinity of the LA routes you can apply for travel under the spare seat scheme by visiting the following website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport-apply> Spare seats are allocated on a first come first served basis and seats can be withdrawn at short notice if required by eligible pupils. Payment for spare seats is termly paid directly to the LA.
 - Use a commercially operated route, the X3 travels from Salisbury Centre daily, timings and full route details can be found on their website: <https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/services/WDBC/X3>

Application for transport starts in March when a Microsoft form is sent out by The Trafalgar school Admissions Officer with the school acceptance pack. Parents/Guardians are advised to fill in the Microsoft form as soon as possible to register their expression of interest for school transport. The transport planning process commences in early April with the aim of finalising and offering pupils seats by the end of June.



If you have any questions regarding the school provided service, please direct all queries to a member of the transport team via email: transport@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk