

To consolidate all the information into one Back to Schools post - Please find all the changes listed below:

Homewood School:

Our Homewood Services 294 & 295 remain as timetabled, but vehicle substitutions will see coaches running on both routes, instead of single deck buses. The front four seats will remain empty to protect our drivers.

Scholar passes or 'contract passes' will be accepted on both services where they follow the same route (Students living in Rolvenden/Benenden)

Service 294 will be selling the Sussex Freedom ticket which was once sold by Stagecoach before we took over the route. As the fare is set by the local authority, we will be selling it for £17.50.

Service 297: A dedicated school bus will run from Pembury - Homewood School in order to keep students together and separated from the travelling General Public - This will follow the same timetable as the normal service bus.

Uplands C.C:

Service 253 & Service 254 have been discontinued and replaced with re-worked routes to manage the requirements brought on by COVID-19.

From the return of school, the current routes will start:

U1: starting from Johns Cross, then serving Robertsbridge, Flimwell (via A21), Union Street, Ticehurst and Wallcrouch..

U2: starting from Hawkhurst, then serving Flimwell, Union Street, Ticehurst and Wallcrouch.

U3: will pick up between Burwash, Etchingam and Hurst Green, replacing Service 253 in these areas. It will then run non-stop direct to Uplands Community College. The vehicle will then return to Ticehurst, The Bell, to pick up any remaining students who may not have managed to catch previous services.

U4: starting from Flimwell, then serving Union Street, Ticehurst and Wallcrouch.

U5: starting from Ticehurst, for any remaining students that may not have managed to board the above services

Changes:

Service U19: The vehicle that will run the U19 in the afternoon will first run the U5 service back to Ticehurst. As with the morning the vehicle will return to Uplands campus to start the U19 back to Eridge Road. It is requested that students who need to catch bus U19, hold back on campus until the bus arrives back at Uplands.

These arrangements may be further refined once the actual use of these services from each location is known. We will work with Uplands Community College to allocate students to specific services.

Service 258 remains unchanged.

Hugh Christie:

Service C has a new timetable and will now start from Nettlestead. Additionally weekly tickets can now be purchased for £20.

Other school services:

Service 267 & 268 will both have duplicates starting from Horsmonden. These will begin in the PM from the last drop off point.

Service 2 will also have a duplicate starting from Pembury.

Service 5A/5C will also have a duplicate.

This information is correct as of 28/08/2020 and may be subject to change as term begins, with further refinements going on as we tailor the service to suit the needs and numbers.

Masks are mandatory for all travelling, for the entire journey. We will not permit travel to anyone who fails to wear one.

Please be patient with our Drivers and staff, we have all been working extremely hard to ensure your children are able to return to school safely and healthy, which will hopefully restore some sort of normality to our lives going forward.