

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Bus Provision for Northampton School for Girls, 2025-2026

I am writing to you today to make you aware that Country Lion continue to supply their transport services to us. We were able to secure minimal annual price increases in the contract engaged last year. However, there will be an increase to the overall costs of our school transport provision for the next academic year, starting in September 2025.

In light of this increase, I am pleased to confirm that our Governing Board have agreed to approve a subsidy of **£85,000**. You will appreciate that this is a significant sum of money for us to commit as a school at a time when we are also feeling budgeting pressures. However, we believe this commitment recognises that these are very challenging financial times for families too.

Whilst we know that any increase has an impact on household budgets, we hope that our subsidy will help to mitigate some of the increase in costs to the bus fare.

### Bus Routes 2025/2026

I am pleased to confirm that all existing buses departing school at 3:45pm remain the same. These are as follows:

Route	Cost per month *	Total cost for 2025/2026
<b>N1: North Route</b> : Brixworth, Kingsthorpe, Moulton, Overstone Gate	£91.00	£1,010
<b>N2: South Route</b> : Wootton, East Hunsbury, West Hunsbury, Far Cotton, Billing Road	£85.50	£955
<b>N3: East Route</b> : Billing, Ecton Brook, Ecton, Blackthorn, Rectory Farm, Southfields, Lings, Northampton College	£85.50	£955
<b>N4: West Route</b> : Duston, Weedon Road	£85.50	£955
<b>N5: Central Route</b> : Harlestone Road, Kings Heath, Spencer, Town Centre	£85.50	£955
<b>N6: Express Route</b> : Hunsbury Meadows, Upton, St Crispin, Hopping Hill	£85.50	£955
<b>N7: Villages Route</b> :Roade, Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Collingtree, Grange Park, Wootton Fields, Hackleton, Horton, Great Houghton	£93.00	£1,030
*Cost per month is over 10 months (as per ParentPay payment plan) after £100 deposit paid		

## Late Bus Service

From September 2025, we will continue to operate our late bus services on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, departing school at 5:00pm. There are no late bus services available on Thursdays and Fridays.

## Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding

The level of financial support available to students eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding has been increased. To apply for this or for additional information, please email the finance office at [finance@nsg.northants.sch.uk](mailto:finance@nsg.northants.sch.uk) or contact main reception on 01604 679551 and ask to speak with a member of the Finance team

## Applying for a place on the school bus

If you would like to apply for a place on the school bus, please click [here](#) by 9:00am on 23 June 2025. You will need to complete a new form for each child wishing to travel on a school bus. Priority will be given to existing students, and applications received after 23 June 2025 will be placed on a waiting list if your chosen route is full. A deposit of £100 must be paid through your ParentPay account by 04 July 2025 to secure your place.

You can find maps of each route, with stopping points, cost and times on the school website [here](#). Please read the information carefully before applying for a place on the school bus.

Whilst we are pleased to be able to continue to offer our dedicated bus service for the coming year, I am truly sorry to be communicating another cost increase to you.

With sincere best wishes,



**Cristina Taboada-Naya | Headteacher**

