

Travel guidance for schools

Transport for London is committed to helping London's schools and colleges reopen safely in September 2020. This is part of our plan to get London moving and working again, safely and sustainably, as quickly as possible.



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Our changes to London's bus network

Around 250,000 schoolchildren use London's buses to get to and from school. So, from 1 September until the end of October 2020 we're adding over 200 extra buses to the network - across low frequency routes and existing school routes.

We're also prioritising some of our bus services for school travel. Government guidance allows for all seats to be occupied on these 'school services', doubling their capacity, which is currently limited due to necessary social distancing.

These 'school services' will be clearly signed and are planned to operate on:

- All our existing school services
- Every other bus on key routes from 07:30-09:30 and 14:30-16:30 on weekdays
- Some additional buses on less frequent routes

We ask that schoolchildren travelling without adults travel on the designated school services where these are provided, in order to help ensure space for customers on other services. Customers must also wear face coverings unless exempt for age (under 11 years), health or equality reasons - including on the 'school services'.

By doing all of this we will help increase capacity and free up other buses for other customers including your staff, and also help enable London's young people to make safe and reliable journeys to and from school.

A reminder that Zip Oyster Photocards are still valid for all schoolchildren and that free and discounted travel entitlements haven't changed. Please note that if children move between 11-15 and 16+ cards they will still need to register for the next card.

[Check whether your route is affected.](#)

[View a full list of bus routes affected.](#)

These planned measures could be subject to change. We will continually review how our network is operating to ensure our approach is working and meeting demand as best as possible.

