

Travel to St Christopher School

The School has prepared travel information for pupils and parents. St Christopher School links in with other transport providers as well as running some services of its own. We do our best to ensure that information is as up-to-date and accurate as possible, but parents are asked to confirm details directly with the organisations running the services.

Train Services

Letchworth station is served by direct lines from London and Cambridge and by connections at Hitchin and Stevenage from Peterborough. Services are operated by First Capital connect. A list of connecting stations and timetable information is available from their website: <http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/Main.php?sEvent=NetworkMap>

The morning train from Kings Cross and Finsbury Park takes 36 and 33 minutes respectively, while the train from Cambridge and Royston takes 26 and 13 minutes.

A School bus service is available to collect pupils from the station in the morning and drop them at the end of the School day, although some pupils choose to walk the remaining distance to and from School (about 1km).

Buses and Coaches

The School operates a number of bus services, either using its own minibuses or in association with dedicated bus companies. Time tables and exact routes may change from time to time and parents should contact the Bursary to confirm details.

Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Welwyn – minibus route

A School minibus collects from a number of points between Harpenden and Letchworth and runs a return service at the end of the day.

Morning Service	Departure time
Harpenden	07:20
Wheathampstead	07:30
Welwyn Garden City	07:40
St Christopher School (arrives)	08:15
Afternoon Service	Arrival time
St Christopher School (departs)	16:05
Welwyn Garden City	16:25
Wheathampstead	16:35
Harpenden	16:50

Clophill, Ickleford and Arlesey – minibus route

The School operates a minibus to collect pupils from Clophill, Ickleford and Arlesey in the mornings only. Further details of timings and collection points are available from the bursary.

North London - coach route

The School runs a 50-seat coach into North London daily.

Morning Service	Departure time
North Hill, Highgate	07:10
College Farm, N3	07:20
Mill Hill Circus (A1/The Broadway/Lawrence St)	07:30
Sterling Corner	07:40
St Christopher School (arrives)	08:20
Afternoon Service	Arrival time

St Christopher School (departs)	16:05
Sterling Corner	16:40
Mill Hill Circus (A1/The Broadway/Lawrence St)	16:50
College Farm, N3	17:05
North Hill, Highgate	17:15

The coach is operated for the School by Britannia Coaches and is accompanied by a chaperone.

London Late Bus – minibus route

The late bus leaves the School at 17:30 and is available to all pupils travelling into School on the North London Coach. Places may be available to other pupils and should be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Please note, this service is not available on Fridays.

The arrival time of the late bus may vary depending on the number of children taking the route. It may help both parents and pupils if pupils call their parents as they near their stop.

As a general guide the timings will be as follows:

Late Bus Service	Arrival time
St Christopher School (departs)	17:30
Sterling Corner	18:10
Mill Hill Circus (A1/The Broadway/Lawrence St)	18:20
College Farm, N3	18:35
North Hill, Highgate	18:50
Finsbury Park Station	19:00

Bus Safety

Pupils are required by law and by the School to wear seatbelts at all times on the coach. They must remain in their seats at all times. While we will do our best to ensure that collection and drop-off points are safe, pupils must take particular care of traffic when they are getting on or off the coach.

If any pupil or parent has any concerns about safety they should tell the bus driver, chaperone or a member of the school staff as soon as possible.

Car

The School has entrances off Cloisters Road, Baldock Road and Muddy Lane. Parents may drop and collect pupils by all these entrances. The visitors' car park is situated in front of the Theatre and can be reached by turning off Baldock Road (A505), up driving up Barrington Road.

All drivers should note that a 10mph speed limit is in force everywhere on the School campus and that drivers should give way to pedestrian traffic in the School grounds.

Any pupils wishing to drive to School must first obtain permission from the Head's Office. Pupils authorised to drive to School are subject to specific rules which are available from the Head's PA or the Head of VI form.

Route Sharing

A number of route sharing arrangements are in place between parents, from sharing lifts in private vehicles to sharing taxis or minibuses. These are organised and run by individual groups of parents. If you live in a particular area and wish your contact details to be forwarded to any of these groups, please contact the School Office or Bursary.

Bicycles

A number of pupils cycle to School. Cycle parking is available at the School. The School is located immediately on part of the National Cycle Network, on a circular route that serves Letchworth, Willian and Norton. A map of the route is available at:

http://www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?sRegion=East_of_England&map.x=-0.222921573833767&map.y=51.9806508540397&bLarge=&nZoom=3

All pupils cycling at School should wear appropriate helmets. Outside the Summer Term, lights may be necessary in the evening. All pupils are expected to cycle legally, safely and courteously. Parents are asked to check bicycles regularly for safety and road worthiness.

Walking

Where safe and practicable, we encourage pupils, parents and staff to walk to the School. Safety is important in all environments, particularly near roads and cycleways. Useful information for pedestrians is included in the Highway Code and is available at: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/Pedestrians/index.htm>

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